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German Media Giant Buys Random House

Purchase of August Publisher Cements Bertelsmann as No. 1 in the U.S. Market

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT — The German media group Bertelsmann AG, fuifilling an ambition to become the world's leading English-language book publisher, said Monday it would buy Random House Inc., America's biggest publisher of general-interest books and one of its oldest and most

prestigious imprints. The purchase of Random House from Advance Publications Inc., which is controlled by the Newhouse family, ensures that Bertelsmann will rank among the most influential publishers on the globe. It will have a leading position in the huge U.S. market and bring into one stable some of the English language's best-selling authors, said Jim Milliot, business editor for New York-based Publishers Weekly,

an industry trade journal.

Terms of the deal were not dis-Bertelsmann, which already publishes such hot U.S. novelists as John Grisham through its Bantam

Doubleday Dell Publishing Group, will consolidate all its U.S. publishing divisions under the celebrated Random House name, increasing Random House's annual sales to an estimated \$1.6 billion from \$900

Mr. Milliot said the addition of Random house would make Bertelsmann nearly double the size of its nearest rivals in the United States.

Random House, founded in 1925, gives the German giant a roster of best-selling authors including John Irving, John Updike, Norman Mailer, the Pulitzer Prize winner Richard Ford and the Nobel Prize winner Toni Morrison. Over the years, Random House has launched writers whose works became classics, including Robert Penn Warren, William

Faulkner and Traman Capote. Its most recent blockbuster succes was the publication of John Berendt's "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," which has been on the New York Times best-seller list for the past 192 weeks, longer than any other hardcover work of fiction or nonfiction.

"Our new company will draw and build upon the strengths of two great publishing traditions," said Peter Olson, who is chairman of Bertelsmann Book Group North America and will head the new Random House. Alberto Vitale, the current chief executive of Random house, will remain with the company as chairman of a newly created super-

Bertelsmann, Europe's biggest me-dia group and the world's third-largest behind Time Warner Inc. and Walt

Disney Co., stands to augment its already considerable authority in the publishing industry, analysts said.

Bertelsmann and Random House will be able to bid for global publishing rights to promising new titles instead of selectively buying rights for individual national markets, analysts said.

The vast library of Random House titles will help Bertelsmann compete in its new Internet book-retailing venture, BooksOnline, which aims to sell titles by all publishers in several languages. The German conglomerate announced plans last month to join Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble in the fiercely competitive on-line book nding sector.

Advance Publications decided to sell Random House to concentrate on the "management and expansion of core business of newspapers, magazines, business journals and cable," said S.I. Newhouse Jr., the New York media entrepreneur and chairman of Advance Publications.

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Chirac Implores France To Resist Extreme Right

He Seeks to Revise Voting System to Stop 'Racists'

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - As the Socialist-led leftist coalition strengthened its grip on grass-roots power after a week in which the extreme right convulsed the nation's / Jolitics, President Jacques Chirac warned Monday in a television address that France risked harming its inter-national image over Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front.

Mr. Chirac said that France needed to reform an electoral system that had al-lowed special interests to exploit the country's fractious tendencies and gain disproportionate leverage in the region-

"I feel we are losing sight of things; I feel that passion has taken over from reason; I feel we risk harming France, its values and its image," the president said Monday. He called the Front "racist and xenophobic" and urged reform of an electoral system that gave undue weight to special interests.

Mr. Chirac's call for an all-party effort to modernize the political system was immediately welcomed by several centrist leaders as a way out of the current political confusion. Mr. Chirac apparently intends to exclude the National Front from the reform talks.

Mr. Le Pen's party won enough seats to persuade some conservatives to ignore their electoral pledges once elected, and seek the support of the National Front on the regional councils. In separate elections tabulated Mon-

day for a third of France's 99 departments, conservative voters, perhaps partly as a backlash against wheeling and dealing in the regional elections, handed over 10 departments to the Socialists, giving them a total of 33.

On the regional level, the left was set Monday to hold seven or eight of the 22 councils, including Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur and possibly fle-de-

It was the National Front's successful

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Jean-Marie Le Pen on Monday.

Hits Again as Fires Rage

Indonesia's Killer Smog

JAKARTA - Thousands of residents of the Indonesian city of Samarinda have fallen ill because of thick smoke from forest fires in East Kalimantan Province, the official Antaru press agency reported Monday.

Visibility in the city dropped to 100 meters Sunday, as residents donned face masks to fend off choking smog, Antara said. Samarinda is near the east coast of Kalimantan on the Indonesian side of Borneo Island.

The Suara Pembaruan newspaper in Jakarta reported Sunday that smoke from the fires had caused 297 cases of pneumonia and that two people had died. But Antara reported only one death,

Several thousand people had already been suffering from eye infections and respiratory ailments, including asthma and pneumonia, the agency said.

The number of cases of illness in Samarinda, a city of 350,000, was expected to rise in coming weeks. Awang Joenani, head of the provincial health office, was quoted as saying. He urged people to curb outdoor activities.

Mr. Awang was not available for comment Monday, but a Samarinda airport meteorologist said that visibility had improved substantially.

Health concerns are on the rise as efforts to extinguish the blazes are hampered by drought and failed

"The fires are big and very hot, making it difficult to get close," said Sumadhi, the newly installed forestry minister. "Getting within 10 meters of the fires is difficult when using traditional firefighting tools." He was referring to the hoes, rakes and buckets typically used against the flames.

obstructing water-bombing missions and causing planes to miss their targets. Mr. Sumadhi said Indonesia was under pressure from neighboring nations to control the blazes and prevent a repeat of last year's smog from fires in Kalimantan

Poor weather and high winds were

and Sumatra, which caused health problems in Malaysia and Singapore. In Samarinda, German environmentalists tracking the brush fires using satellite images have pinpointed 1,000

blazes on the island of Borneo. Some were set by peasant farmers. But the majority, the Germans say, are on land leased by powerful timber companies that still use slash-and-burn techniques as the fastest, cheapest way to convert rain forests into timber es-

tates and palm-oil plantations. Liberta, an official at Dirgahayu hospital in Samarinda, said the number of patients with respiratory illnesses was increasing daily, but she gave no figures. "Most of the cases are because of the smog," she said. (Reuters, AFP, LAT)

Yeltsin Dismisses His Entire Team

The Struggle For Control

David Hoffman

MOSCOW - Sidelined by illness, President Boris Yeltsin appeared to be barely holding on just a few days ago.

Isolated at his country residence, he was so frail his doctors announced that a planned summit meeting this week with West European leaders would have to be moved from his hometown, Yeka-terinburg in the Ural Mountains, to Moscow because the president could

not endure the flight.
On Monday Mr. Yeltsin roused himself. With a suddenness and drama he has relished in the past, he pulled the tablecloth out from under his own gov-

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ernment, announcing the dismissal of his staid but loyal prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, and other cabinet of-ficials, including the reformer Anatoli Chubais.

Behind the surprising move is the complex calculus of a looming contest for control of Russia — the presidential elections in two years — say officials inside the government and political ob-servers outside it. The campaign is already well under way, driven by the uncertainty over Mr. Yeltsin's health.

"The 2000 elections are of immense importance to us," Mr. Yeltsin said Monday in his televised speech to announce the dismissals. "One can say that they mean the future destiny of Russia."

In firing Mr. Chemomyrdin, officials and analysts said, Mr. Yeltsin had come to the conclusion that the former chief of the Gazprom natural gas monopoly could never be elected his successor. Mr. Chemomyrdin also may have become too ambitious in the latest jockeying for the crown.

Some of Russia's financial barons, especially the industrialist Boris Berezovsky, had agitated for a housecleaning. Last week, Mr. Chernomyrdin approved the terms of a \$1.6 billion sale of the state-owned Rosneft oil company; analysts said the terms were unfavorable to Mr. Berezovsky and opportune for his rivals, which included a Gazprom-Lukoil-Shell consortium.

In his televised address, Mr. Yeltsin said that he wanted Mr. Chemomyrdin to prepare for the campaign. But analysts said the impact was the opposite, dashing any hope that he might have of inheriting Mr. Yeltsin's mantle. Mr. Chemomyrdin's public support is so low he barely registers in national opinion polls. So Mr. Yeltsin left helping a string of measurement over left behind a string of unanswered ques-tions: He gave no hint of his intentions except to say he wanted to push ahead

more aggressively with reform.
Russian officials and politicians said the president has thrown open the doors to another bruising competition among the financial clans for power and in-

fluence in a new government.

"A typical Yeltsin move: unorthodox, radical and bold with no clear plan. and improvised," said an analyst, An-drei Kortunov. "When they don't know what to do, they do what they know. Yeltsin doesn't know what to do with the economy, with financial systems, with investment. He knows how to dis-

miss people and make heads roll."

He added: "Every power group will consider it a moment of opportunity, a vacuum they will try to fill.

Lilia Shevtsova, senior associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said: "Yeltsin couldn't stand that he was not absolutely boss. He couldn't

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Cabinet Lacked 'Dynamism and Initiative,' He Says

By Daniel Williams Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin dismissed his prime minister

and cabinet Monday and named Energy Minister Sergei Kiriyenko, who has served in Moscow only five months, as acting prime minister. The move, the most drastic cabinet shake-up in five years, is in keeping with Mr. Yeltsin's flair for the unex-

pected — a trait that many regard as hindering effective governance.

The firings came at a delicate time for

Russia. Mr. Yeltsin has been enfeebled by poor health, and the dismissal of Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin deprived the government of an experienced hand. The president also removed his top economic adviser, Deputy Prime Min-ister Anatoli Chubais, when the Russian economy is being wounded by investor

While Mr. Yeltsin decides on permanent replacements, Russia is unusu-ally ruddenless.

On Monday morning, Mr. Yeltsin designated himself acting prime minister, but then passed the office to Mr. Kiriyenko.

The offer came as a complete sur-

prise," said Mr. Kiriyenko, 35. "I learned about it this morning." The day's events were full of twists

Even as Mr. Yeltsin fired Mr. Chernomyrdin, he appealed to him to

concentrate on preparations for presidential elections scheduled for 2000.

Mr. Yeltsin dismissed Mr. Chubais as well as Interior Minister Anatoli Kulikov, by name, and dismissed the rest of the cabinet for a lack of ideas and vigor. He said, however, that essential policies second not change.

would not change.

Except for Mr. Chemomyrdin, Mr. Chubais and Mr. Kulikov, the rest of the overnment will stay at work until Mr. Yeltsin nominates replacements. By law, the president must present a per-manent prime minister to Parliament for

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Mr. Clinton greeting well-wishers Monday after a speech in Ghana at the start of his six-nation African tour

Clinton Sees an 'African Renaissance'

Hundreds of Thousands of Ghanaians Turn Out to Hear President

By John F. Harris

ACCRA, Ghana — The crowd began gathering early, at 5 A.M., while the object of its curiosity was still far the

By the time Ghana's man of the moment stepped to the podium six hours later the mass had grown into what by some estimates was the largest audience ever assembled to see President Bill

At the first stop on a six-nation tour of the continent, Mr. Clinton came to the capital of the first sub-Saharan nation to win independence and predicted that a region long marked by disease, dissension and dependency was poised for "the beginning of a new African renais-

Ghanaians applauded politely at Mr. Clinton's words, at least those who heard them from loudspeakers that

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Oil Prices Rocket

On Output Accord

Oil producers profited Monday as

the price of crude shot up in response

to an accord to reduce output by as

much as 2 million barrels a day.
In London, the benchmark Brent
crude oil for May delivery finished
at \$14.90, up \$1.63 from Friday.

Analysts said the unanimity of purpose shown by OPEC members

and nonmembers alike meant prices could keep rising, at least in the short term. Page 11.

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blared in a tinny echo across Independence Square. But most of the crowd a boisterous throng that the Ghana goverament claimed was more than a halfmillion strong — seemed less interested in hearing Mr. Clinton than simply see-

Ugandans expect benefits to flow from Clinton's visit. Page 7.

ing him. Over and over, people craning their necks toward the stage said they considered it nearly beyond belief that a U.S. president was on their soil for the first time.

The welcome was uncritical but hardly unblemished. As the temperature rose into the high 90s, people who had been standing for hours with no water began to fall to the ground by scores. And as the crowd began to push against metal barricades, policemen swung belts and sticks to move them back.

Mr. Clinton, his face beet-red from the heat, became riled as he shook hands after his speech. The rush toward him caused some people to get crushed. "Get back!" Mr. Clinton said fiercely. "Back off!"

Yet, aides said Mr. Clinton, who has endured two months of incessant criticism over adultery and perjury allegations at home, was buoyed by his reception here.

Mr. Clinton's remarks broke no policy ground, but were intended to lay out the broad themes of his African tour, during which Mr. Clinton will be the first U.S. president to visit all six of the nations where he is stopping: Botswana, Ghana, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, and Uganda. His tour will end April 2. "For centuries, other nations ex-ploited Africa's gold, Africa's dia-monds, Africa's minerals," Mr. Clinton

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Milosevic Outflanks U.S. In Battle Over Sanctions

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia may have made just enough concessions over the conflict in Kosovo Province to confound Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's efforts to intensify Western sanctions against him, American and European officials said Sunday.

Mrs. Albright left for Europe on Monday to try to increase the pressure on Mr. Milosevic to open a serious discussion about political autonomy with the ethnic Albanians who make up 90 percent of the population of the province, which is in southern Serbia.

It will be a difficult test for American diplomacy. The German foreign min-ister, Klaus Kinkel, said Thursday, after meeting in Belgrade with Mr. Milosevic and with the French foreign minister, Hubert Vedrine, that "the demands we made have, generally speaking, been met." Mr. Vedrine said that "signif-icant progress has been achieved."

The Americans disagree, saying there has been only modest progress that can best be sustained through further pressure, like seizing Serbian and Yugoslav government assets abroad and placing restrictions on foreign travel by Yugoslav officials.

Mrs. Albright and other officials have

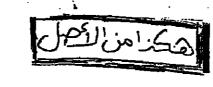
also implied that the United States may be prepared to use force to get Mr. Milosevic to recognize the "legitimate political rights' of the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo and to prevent a new ethnic conflict. The threat, while kept vague and presumably meant to reinforce American diplomacy, has no support even among NATO allies who were willing to bomb the Bosnian Serbs into negotiating the peace accords of 1995 that ended nearly four years of war in

Bosnia-Herzegovina. Mrs. Albright will meet in Bonn on Wednesday with ministers of the five other members of the Contact Group, which monitors events in Yugoslavia and the nations that broke away from it, to discuss further sanctions raised at the group's earlier meeting on Kosovo in London on March 9.

That meeting — of Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and the United States — followed a vicious crackdown on ethnic Albanians after separatists began attacking Serbian police officers. At least 80 people died, many of whom

were quickly buried in a mass grave.
At the time, Mrs. Albright said, "We are not going to stand by and watch the Serb amhorities do in Kosovo what they can no longer get away with doing in Bosnia." She compared Serbian actions

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An Iron-Fisted, Petulant Quest for the Ideal

By Blaine Harden . Vashington Post Service

YEW YORK - While Washington wallows in sex, mendacity and Monica, goodness is on the rampage in

Sex shops are becoming extinct. A half-million school kids are being fitted for uniforms. Drug dealers are fleeing to the less-farmed uniform the policy of the less-farmed uniform the less-farmed un ferociously policed suburbs.

There is more crime per capita in Boise, Idaho. For the first time in memory, an entire week went by in Brooklyn without anyone being murdered. The gritty reality of television cop shows — "NYPD Blue," "Brooklyn South," "Law and Order" — is fast becoming unreal.

Subway ridership is up, subway fares are down, eager immigrants keep rolling into town and Wall Street keeps setting records. Polls of the hinterlands show that Mr. and Mrs. America, who long viewed this city as rude, filthy and violent, have awakened to a "good image" of New York. A randomly selected woman from Bloomington, Indiana, recently gushed to The New York Times, "I just love your city." Even more hair-raising? Prophecies that the winds of goodness have only begun to blow.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the famously thinskinned, sharp-tongued former federal prosecutor, has discovered Plato. Having presided in his first term over a fall in crime that is without precedent, the second-term Republican mayor is casting himself as a philosopher king. He wants to reign over what he calls "the ideal

state of cleanliness or safety."

To that end, Mr. Giuliani is targeting ruffians who dare jaywalk, litter, drive too fast, put fliers on parked cars, ride bicycles on sidewalks or make too much noise. In his spare time, the mayor/king has been prowling across America, snifting after a presidential or vice presidential bid.

In the ideal city, which Mr. Giuliani has explicated in a 10-page niceness lecture that remains posted on the city's Web site, the mayor foretold that New Yorkers will one day "realize together that inconsiderate behavior yields disorder and, more importantly, we'll recognize the meaning of truly considerate behavior, which lifts the city up and brings us together every day."

To bring home his message, the mayor delivered

the sermonette of the jaywalker: "Just last week police officers noticed a man who was acting suspiciously. After keeping a close

watch on the man for a time, the officers caught the

man recklessly jaywalking. He was served a sum-mons, and when they took him to the precinct they

Mayor Giuliani wants to reign over what he calls 'the ideal state of cleanliness or safety.'

discovered that he was wanted in connection with a number of robberies.'

As is widely known, the mayor himself suffers from frequent bouts of incivility. He snarls at critics, calling them "jerky." But he has devised a way to exploit this less-than-ideal behavior. He tells reporters that, as a youth growing up in Brooklyn, he could not help but be infected by the city's anarchic forces. He admits, for example, to dark urges to jaywalk. These urges, he preaches, must be squelched for the higher good.

"I understand New York," Mr. Giuliani said at one of his news conferences. "There's a certain tradition in New York of not paying attention to traffic signs, both the drivers and the pedestrians."
"It may be cute," he added, "but sometimes being cute is being irresponsible."

Excessive scrutiny of the philosopher king, however, is not welcome. When The Daily News recently clocked the mayor speeding from City Hall to Staten Island, Mr. Giuliani accused the paper's reporter of acting "in an irresponsible way." Some New Yorkers, as might be expected, are gagging on what they see as the mayor's sanctimony.

These malcontents — whom the mayor derides as "people who insist on romanticizing the disorder of the past" — complain that Mr. Giuliani is goose-stepping with Disney, the Cap and the uncountable Forces of Corporate Blandness toward an anodyne, family friendly New York that may soon be as boring as, say,

HE loudest grumblers tend to have a stake in the city's glory years of sleaze. For example, Herald Fahringer, an attorney for sex shops that are on the brink of oblivion because of a new zoning law, can hardly contain his upset: "That something like this could happen in the greatest and most free city in the world is shocking."

But most New Yorkers seem intrigued. As reflected in polls, and as expanded upon in letters to the editor and by callers to radio talk shows, a majority of the city's 7.3 million people support Mr. Giuliani's crusade, even if they find him to be a curiously petulant role model.

Satisfaction with the mayor's brand of sharp-

elbowed civility has penetrated into many of New York's poorest minority neighborhoods, which have seen the steepest declines in crime. When first elected in 1993, Mr. Giuliani had the support of about 5 percent of black voters. A poll last month found that 57 percent of blacks ques-

tioned said they liked the job he was doing.

Complaints that a too-safe, too-saccharine
New York may be losing its bright-lights, bigcity edge strike specialists in urban management as

exceptionally stupid.
"Come on," said Paul Grogan, president of Local
Initiatives Support Coalition, which funnels billions of dollars into programs to rebuild neighborhoods from the South Broax to San Diego. "The things that make for a city's energy --- the disappearance of a feeling of menace on the streets — can only be helped by the mayor's civility campaign."

But in the Big Apple's current season of sweetness and light, the one force that is consistently

refusing to cooperate with the mayor is gravity. For months now, bricks have been raining down on streets, sidewalks and, horribly, the heads of passers-by. A schoolgirl was killed. Madison Avenue was closed for a time in December when the wall of an office tower gave way. A segment of Fifth Avenue sank when a water main burst in January. This could be a tougher problem to solve.

We'll Decide on Security, Netanyahu Warns U.S.

By Doug Struck
Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM - Saying "the view from the Potomac is not the same as the view from the Jordan," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahn bluntly rejected Monday a possible American plan to revive the Israeli-Palestinian peace pro-

Stepping up his government's efforts to stop the United States from even offering its proposal, Mr. Netanyahu abandoned careful diplomatic language and lashed out against any attempts to push Israel into turning over a greater portion of the West Bank to Palestinians.

"Israel, and Israel alone, will be the one that determines its security needs and the extent of withdrawal," Mr. Netanyahu said after a committee hearing in Parliament on the matter.

"I think it would be wise to remember, and I think many people in Wash-ington remember, that ultimately the decisions about the security of Israel must be made by Israel, because we have to live with the consequences."

The fierce reaction by the Netanyahu government against even the unveiling of the plan is said to have taken the Americans by surprise. Twice last weekend, Mr. Netanyahu telephoned President Bill Clinton. He also has sent other officials to Washington and encouraged the heads of Jewish-American groups to intervene.

The Clinton administration is reported to have refused the entreaties.

The Israelis contend that even an official offering of the American plan would give it impetus and add to the growing international criticism of Israel over the yearlong stalement with the

The details of the plan have been widely reported, and were thought by U.S. officials to be only a modest advancement of the Israeli position. The American plan would call for Israeli withdrawal in stages from 13.1 percent of the West Bank, and the Israeli government has hinted that it might agree to 9 percent.

In return, the Palestinians would be required, among other things, to disband any opposition groups espousing vio-lence against Israel and to enforce a

decree against incitement.

The Palestinians, who demanded that the Israelis withdraw from 30 percent of the land they occupy, have scoffed at the American proposal as too lenient on Israel. The Palestinians have not rejected it, though.

But Mr. Netanyahu's cabinet did just that Sunday, and on Mouday the prime minister described the gap in their po-sition in terms suggestive of war.

What we need to protect ourselves against terrorist outrages, what we need to do to protect ourselves so the planes that land in Tel Aviv are not shot down, so that the aquifers that carry Israel's anyahu said, "these kinds of determinations can only be made here."

He added: "Understand that Israel is a tiny country, and every piece of territory here is tied to security, every piece. Every percent is the size of Tel Aviv. And this territory that abuts our major cities determines whether we can effectively guarantee that additional territory is not turned into a Hamas base, a

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Other Israelis are not convinced that the American proposal is so grave. Ehud Barak, leader of the opposition Labor Party, called the Netanyahu governiment's disputing of the American plan 'amateurish.''

Putting the whole fate of how to resolve a conflict of 100 years on 4 percent of the area is ridiculous," Mr. Barak said on Israel Radio. "It's against the security of Israel, not for it.'

Mr. Clinton's envoy to the Middle East, Dennis Ross, is expected to arrive in Israel this week to discuss the dispute.

■ Annan Makes Stop in Gaza

Palestinians gave a hero's welcome Monday to Kofi Annan, the UN secretary-general, pinning their hopes on him to break the deadlock with Israel as he resolved the crisis with Iraq, The Associated Press reported from Gaza. Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader

said: "I am sure your excellency will push forward the peace process as you succeeded in your mission in Iraq." Mr. Annan said he would urge Israel to carry. out Security Council resolutions and move the peace process forward.

Speaking to a special session of the Palestinian legislative council, Mr. Annan said: "Though you have come a long way toward realizing your dream, I know it remains a dream deferred."

He urged the Palestinians, however,

not to resort to violence or the use of terror. "Do not accept the claims of hatred or the cries of war," he said. Mr. Annan is to travel to Israel on Tuesday and meet with Mr. Netanyaha,

Irag Brands Clinton And Bush 'Criminals'

Agence France-Presse BAGHDAD - Parliament called Monday for President Bill Clinton and his predecessor, George Bush, to be put on trial for war crimes.

The Iraqi Parliament, in an extraordinary session, voted unanimously to brand Mr. Clinton and Mr. Bush as 'war criminals" and to call for their

On March 13, the U.S. Senate passed a nonbinding resolution calling for President Saddam Hussein of Iraq to be brought before an international tribunal

for crimes against humanity.

Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, dismissed that call and charged that the "real perpetrators of war crimes" were Mr. Clinton and Mr. Bush because of the 1991 Gulf War and the UN sanctions that have been in force against Iraq ever since then.

The Gulf War and sanctions were in response to Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait in 1990.

The official paper Babel, meanwhile, called for U.S. and British troops to be peace and stability in the region."

The United States has decided to keep its 36,000 troops in the region, where height of a crisis over UN weapons

inspections in Iraq.

Britain has followed the example set by the United States by keeping its reinforcements in place to test Iraqi compliance with an agreement reached Feb. 23 on arms inspections.

Marie-Louise von Franz, Jungian Theorist, Dies

By Robert McG. Thomas Jr.

NEW YORK --- Marie-Louise von Franz, 83, hailed by many as the queen of Jungian psychology, died Feb. 17 at her home in Kusnacht, Switzerland. She was an expert on fairy tales who had been both Carl Gustav Jung's most brilliant and inspired disciple and the one who had done the most to illuminate the

flame since his death in 1961. Dr. von Franz began making her legend early. As a brilliant and independent-minded schoolgirl, for example, she proved so resistant to religious education that a priest was assigned as her personal tutor. The arrangement ended when the priest became so dazzled by his pupil that he lost

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In time Dr. von Franz came to regret the episode. For it was Frend, after all, who regarded religion as poppycock while Jung embraced religion as every bit as authentic as fairy tales themselves.

In Jungian theory, those primordial stories provide compelling evidence of his central notion that all humanity shares a collective unconscious of genetically replicated archetypal forms reflecting and embodying the entire spectrum of human aspirations, feelings,

fears and frustrations. For those who doubted, Dr. von Franz conducted a worldwide study of fairy tales and turned out a stream of rig-orously researched and influential books on this subject. Among them were "An Introduction to the Psychology of Fairy Tales," "Archetypal Patterns in Fairy. Tales," "Creation Myths," "Shadow

and Evil in Fairy Tales" and "Problems of the Feminine in Fairy Tales." As Jung had sensed, along the way

she found too many common themes and symbols in too many isolated cultures for the similarities to be dismissed as mere coincidence. After obtaining a doctorate in 1940, Dr. von Franz threw herself into Jung's

work, which became increasingly own. She began as student, patient and research assistant, later became his colleague and collaborator and eventually emerged as his successor at the C.G. Jung Institute in Zurich. During his lifetime, she made major contributions to his major studies, particularly his inquiries into the psychology of medieval alchemy.

After his death she extended his work, turning out a torrent of books, including her fairy tale series and a 1980

study linking psychology and modern physics, "Number and Time." Known as a compassionate analyst who interpreted more than 65,000 dreams, she lectured widely around the world, all the while insisting that the goal of Jungian thought was not to become a

Jungian but one's own unique self. Jack Howard, Ex-President Of E.W. Scripps, Dies at 87

NEW YORK (AP) - Jack Howard, 87, former president and general manager of E.W. Scripps Co., died of pulmonary failure Sunday.

Mr. Howard spent nearly 50 years in journalism before retiring in 1976 as president and general manager of the Cincinnati-based company. He was the son of Roy Howard, who built United Press into a worldwide wire service.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Mona Lisa to Get a Special Room

PARIS (Reuters) — The Louvre is planning to give the Mona Lisa a room of her own but does not intend to attempt a

controversial restoration of the masterpiece itself, a museum spokesman, Christophe Monin, said Monday.

"There is a proposal to create a special room," he said. News of the restoration plan for the Leonardo da Vinci masterpiece had leaked out last week. Some experts fear the work's detail could be destroyed in the restoration process.

Malaysia Presents Hi-Tech Passport

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad received on Monday the first of Malaysia's new passports, which have a built-in electronic chip to store the holder's fingerprints, photograph and other particulars.

The Bernama news agency said the passports were the first in the world to incorporate such identity chips. The new passport will be available to the public starting Tuesday.

bring visitors back to Egypt.

drop from February last year.

Palermo has begun a

project to restore its 13th-

century cathedral, one of Sic-

ily's landmarks, in time for the new millennium. (AFP)



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Middle East He said Sunday that 169,586 tourists visited Egypt last month, a 46.5 percent

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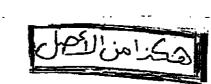
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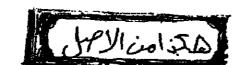
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WASHINGTON — A divided Superme Court handed advocates of abortion rights a victory Monday by leaving intact a precedent-setting ruling that struck down a state law banning a type of late-term abortion.

The justices, by a 6-to-3 vote, let stand rulings that called the 1995 Ohio law unconstitutional and blocked its enderent.

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is not a ruling and sets no national irecedent, it seemed certain to be hailed by abortion-rights advocates.

The significance of their victory appears limited, however, because Ohio's law differed from federal legislation that served as a model for 18 other state laws. Pecul scient server

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that the law would unduly interfere with
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Anita Hill seeking on television to differentiate her harassment charges against Clarence Thomas and the allegations against President Clinton.

Lewinsky's Father Rips Into Starr

He Accuses Special Prosecutor of 'Trying to Torture' His Daughter

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON - Monica Lewinsky's father vented anger and frustration Monday over the way that the inves-tigation of his daughter's relationship to President Bill Clinton has dominated and disrupted the lives of his family and

The independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, "is just trying to torture her in every possible way." Dr. Bernard Lewinsky said. He described his daughter as a "pawn" in a larger political contest between Mr. Clinton and his detractors.

'She cannot see her friends, she cannot talk to her friends, she cannot talk to her brother," Dr. Lewinsky told The Associated Press. One of her friends, he complained, was forced to fly to Washington from Tokyo merely to corroborate hearsay evidence before a grand jury, two others were brought from Los Angeles.

He said his daughter was "very de-pressed," adding, "She's a virtual prisoner in her apartment.

Dr. Lewinsky has had little to say publicly since allegations erupted Jan. 21 that his daughter had had an affair with Mr. Clinton and had been asked to lie about it. The president has denied the allegations.

Dr. Lewinsky's charges Monday, in the interview with the AP and another with NBC-TV, appeared designed to put a human face on the impact of the

investigation by Mr. Starr. The independent counsel's detractors

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have said that he has overstepped the bounds of his investigation, disrupted the lives of witnesses on the fringes of the case, subpoenaed witnesses because they criticized his tactics and sought to coerce Ms. Lewinsky to testify by pres-

suring her friends and family.

Many Americans appear to agree with that critical view: Two nationwide opinion surveys last month showed that

only 11 percent of people questioned had a favorable opinion of Mr. Starr. Dr. Lewinsky, referring to the subpoenas to his daughter's friends, said: "A lot of people are being inconvenienced not only by virtue of having to travel to Washington but also because they are being put at financial risk.

These are all young people, and they all have to hire attorneys that cost money.

"I think this is just the drip torture technique that Ken Starr is using on her," said Dr. Lewinsky, a Los Angeles cancer specialist. "He is just trying to torture her in every possible way.

He said her legal bills were nearing \$500,000, although her attorney, William Ginsburg, recently put them between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Because of fears of involving her family in expensive legal complications, he said, "She has not been able to see her brother for two months, has not been able to talk to him."

Dr. Lewinsky said little publicly about the case until late last month, when he expressed outrage over Mr. Starr's treatment of his daughter and ex-wife, Marcia Lewis. A nurse was called for Ms. Lewis when she became distraught

during prosecutors' questioning.
Dr. Lewinsky also said he feared that the decision by Mr. Clinton to invoke the doctrine of executive privilege to block testimony of senior White House advisers would ultimately prolong his

daughter's pain. Two advocates of women's rights, meanwhile, spoke out on the allegations that the president groped Kathleen Wil-ley, a female volunteer in the White

Anita Hill, the woman whose com-plaints against a Supreme Court nomince, Clarence Thomas, put the concept of sexual harassment squarely on the American public stage, said Sunday that administration policies on women's issues might be more important than the

allegations against Mr. Clinton.
A prominent feminist leader, Gloria Steinem, joined Ms. Hill in saying that Mr. Clinton's alleged contacts with Mrs. Willey were objectionable but did

not constitute harassment.

Ms. Hill, a law professor whose complaints against Mr. Thomas in 1991 nearly scuttled his nomination, said that her case was "very different" from the allegations against the president.

Mr. Clinton, she said, was an elected official twice chosen as president by a nation aware of past allegations of sexual misconduct; Mr. Thomas was being nominated to a lifetime position with the nation's top court where he would be dealing directly with cases involving

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tion partially vaginally delivers a name fears before killing the fetus and completing the delivery." Opponents call the procedure "partial-birth" abortion.

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sands of pharmacies.

Power Grabs in the House

WASHINGTON - Bob Livingston's efforts to gather enough votes to succeed the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, may have struck some colleagues as premature and unseemly, but the power grab by the Appropriations Committee chairman is only the first of many coming duels involving the titans

Mr. Livingston is one of 14 chairmen of standing committees who must step down in 2000 ause of a Republican caucus rule established in 1994 limiting committee and subcommittee chairmen to three terms — six years — in office.

Time is getting short. The Louisianan acknowledged that the six-year limit "had something to with the series of decisions that put him on the brink of retirement early this year, caused him to pull back at Mr. Gingrich's request and turned him

into a declared candidate for speaker if, as he suspects, the Georgia Republican decides to resign in 1999 and run for president. (Mr. Gingrich has said he plans to serve into 2003.)

Congress never had term limits for committee chairmen in the past and relied on parliamentary measures - voting them out - to get rid of them when necessary, never an easy task. But with term limits in effect, things are different and will get much more different in the future.

Aides Split on Syringe Plan

WASHINGTON — The debate over the propriety of handing out sterile syringes to people who inject illegal drugs, to reduce the spread of AIDS, has reached the White House, where President Bill Clinton's two main policy advisers on the issue have staked out opposing positions.

Their disagreement makes government financing of needle-exchange programs more unlikely when a ban on such spending, imposed by Congress in 1992, expires at the end of the month.

Sandra Thurman, the White House director of national AIDS policy, advocates spending on the programs as a way of saving lives by reducing the incidence of AIDS contracted from shared needles. But at a spirited meeting last week, Barry McCaffrey, a retired army general who is the administration's director of national drug policy. ferociously opposed any government subsidy.

In a subsequent letter to Ms. Thurman, he reiterated his belief that buying clean needles for drug users would send the wrong message to young Americans who are being told that illegal drug use is wrong. The money, he said, would be better used to expand drug treatment programs.

His letter was leaked to some members of

provided a copy to The New York Times. General McCaffrey's fervent opposition to pay-

ing for needle exchanges, and the esteem with which he is regarded on Capitol Hill, will probably undercut whatever support exists for exchange programs. Many members of Congress already oppose the concept or do not want to look as if they are soft on drug use in a congressional election year.(NYT)

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State Representative Chuck Graham of Columbia, Missouri, arguing that the medical problem of finding enough organ donors could be eased if death-row prisoners were permitted to donate bone marrow or a kidney in return for having their sentences commuted to life in prison without parole: "Call it life for a life. We don't Congress. An opponent of needle exchanges have enough heroes to meet the need." (NYT)

Behind the Cheers for Welfare Reform, Some Rough Figures

By Barbara Vobejda and Judith Havemann Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Governors across the country are boasting that welfare reform is successfully moving millions of people off the rolls and into jobs.

But a close scrutiny of state and federal records shows that tens of thousands of families are being forced off welfare as punishment for not complying with tough new rules.

Federal statistics show that in one three-month period last year, 38 percent of the recipients who left welfare did so because of state sanctions, ordered for infractions from missing appointments with caseworkers to refusing to search

for work. These and other sanction numbers gathered by The Washington Post from welfare offices nationwide are among the earliest statistics available on how the states are carrying out the 1996 federal

welfare law, which triggered a dramatic revision of public assistance programs.

In some states, sanctions have become a significant part of declining caseloads. More than half of the 14,248 cases closed in Indiana in a three-month period last to comply with the requirements. year, for example, were a result not of people finding work but of sanctions, the federal records show. In Florida, state officials report that 27 percent of the 148,000 cases they closed in the second half of 1997 were because of sanctions.

In the first year of Tennessee's new program, 40 percent of the families leaving welfare - nearly 14,000 - lost benefits because they did not comply with regulations, compared with 29 percent who left for a job, according to a University of Memphis study.

Nationally, caseloads have fallen by 18 percent in the past year, attributable both to a healthy economy and welfare reform efforts. But the sanction statistics provide a fuller picture of what has generally been cast as the success of

welfare overhaul: Not all of those leaving the rolls are converts to the work ethic; a sizable number either are refusing to cooperate or are so hampered by serious problems that they are unable

State officials contend that the high rate of sanctioning is evidence that the new law is working as intended, smoking out people who already had jobs but were not reporting them, or in other cases impressing upon recipients that they can no longer receive aid indefinitely without preparing themselves

But advocates for the poor warn that many states are imposing severe measures that end people's benefits with no assurances that their children will be fed or their houses heated.

Valerie Watson, a Memphis mother who says she has recurring back problems, was cut off welfare last fall for missing training classes and showing up late for an appointment with her case-

worker. She gradually sold her belongings as she grew more desperate for money. "We went through the whole winter with no utilities," she said. "This is a story you wouldn't believe because it has been so rough."

Ms. Watson is part of the hidden story behind the tale of welfare success being told by state officials around the country. Until the passage of welfare reform legislation, states were hampered from cutting off families for failure to work. Now, 30 state legislatures have given caseworkers the authority to eliminate welfare grants when families fail to cooperate with several new rules, including requirements that recipients search for jobs, volunteer or attend job preparation classes.

"Sanctions are the spur for people to make the move from welfare to work," said the welfare commissioner of New Jersey, William Waldman. "To have a program that wasn't serious, that didn't

taking a step up in life, was very bad public policy that served to trap people on the rolls. I don't minimize the impact of sanctions, but the alternative is worse."

During the national debate over welfare reform two years ago, many assumed that the moment of truth would come years from now, when recipients reached time limits that would end their benefits. But the widespread use of sanctions has moved up that moment.

Energized by their welfare reform programs, states are moving swiftly to put their new sanction power to use. But social service advocates argue that in many cases, states are making bad judg-

Bill Biggs, a former welfare administrator from Utah, wrote in a recent publication that under a pilot program in his state, half of the sanctions ordered were done in error, often when a caseworker did not detect that a recipient suffered from mental illness or some have consequences or sanctions for not other problem.



OUT LIKE A LION — British tourists videotaping the spring snow in Times Square. After a virtually snowless winter, a blinding storm dropped 5 inches of snow on New York City over the weekend.

Away From Politics

A 22-year-old college student on spring break died after plunging from a third-story hotel balcony in Daytona Beach, Florida, crashing through a Plexiglas roof and landing in a swimming pool. The police believe the fall was an accident, it happened just five minutes after the woman, from Kent State University in Ohio, had checked in. (AP)

An oil fire apparently broke out aboard a small airplane thorthy before it crashed near Grain Valley, Missouri, and killed all air people aboard, the National Transportation Safety Description Safety Board said. Investigators found that oil had spilled on board and investigators found that oil had spilled on board and that a linking rod had broken in the engine. (AP)

Sh children, aged from 2 to 10, were killed and their

parents were burned in a house fire in Blanks, Louisiana that may have been caused by a space heater.

 A Los Angeles Fire Department helicopter crashed as it carried an 11-year-old girl who was injured in a car wreck, killing two paramedics and a crew member on board. (AP)

• A man freed on bail after a knife attack in New York on one of his former girlfriends has been charged with murder in the throat-slashing death of another woman he had dated, a Columbia University law student. Friends reportedly had warned the student to stay away from the man because of his current girlfriend, who also was charged in the earlier

After Year, Florida Resumes Executions

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man's mask a year ago. In the first of four electrocutions scheduled over eight days, Gerald Stano, 46, was executed for killing a 17year-old hitchhiker December 1973.

Mr. Stano made no final statement and stared straight ahead as he was strapped in, mustering only a small smile toward his attorney.

There was no visible

smoke or flame Mr. Stano confessed that he choked the hitchhiker repeatedly and dumped her body in a drainage ditch before cleaning up and going roller skating. He later confessed to 41 murders in Florida and other states. Most of his victims were prostitutes,

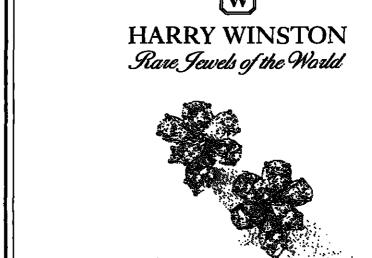
runaways and teenagers. Mr. Stano was the first inmate electrocuted since March 25, 1997, when flames shot from behind Pedro Medina's face mask, prompting a series of unsuccessful appeals on whether the Florida's 75-yearold electric chair was cruel and unusual punishment

An autopsy found that Mr. Medina had died instantly when the electricity was turned on.

Leo Jones of Jacksonville, who was convicted of murdering a policeman, was scheduled to die Tuesday, fol-

The Associated Press lowed on March 30 by Judy a multistate killing spree. on where most of the bodies STARKE, Florida — A Buenoano, the convict known former short-order cook who as the Black Widow for the been responsible for more of the victims were wearing. confessed to 41 murders was arsenic poisoning death of her deaths than were some far betexecuted Monday in Flor- husband and drowning of her ter-known serial killers. The to death in Illinois in 1994 ida's electric chair, the state's son. On March 31, Daniel Re- authorities said they believed was convicted of killing 33

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In Belfast, the Power of Symbols

City's First Catholic Lord Mayor Finds a Home in Protestant Citadel

New York Times Service

BELFAST --- There is no greater citadel of Protestant power here than the domed and columned Belfast City Hall, and as a Roman Catholic, Alban Ma- body last year for the first time. ginness was wary of even going near it.

purposefully up the grand marble stair-case to take his seat in a high-backed, While the Protestant majority of North-Catholic ever to sit there.

Aware of the power of symbols in this ago to make sure everyone else felt free to move about the intimidating spaces beneath the arched pilasters and the ceilings decorated in heroic art.

"There were people in their 70s and 80s," he said. "They'd spent their entire lives in the city and they said, 'You know, I've never been in here before."

Courteous to the point of formality, Mr. Maginness goes about his day's business wearing a dark suit and a 125-year-old metal chain of honor, which he argues is the richest emblem of all. "The people who had the medallion made saw Ireland as one — one under the crown, but one nonetheless," he said.

Gaelic phrase for "Ireland forever," Erin go bragh.

A 47-year-old lawyer, fluent speaker of Gaelic and a city councilman since 1985, Mr. Maginness became mayor after Protestant parties lost control of the 51-seat

Though he sought on election night to "It was an off-putting place, an alien portray his victory as "not a defeat of are leaving public life. place, this big government edifice." he one political tradition by another," Protsaid. "You didn't identify with it or the estant legislators boycotted his installpeople in it, and you'd say, 'No, that's ation dinner because he was dispensing not for me," and keep going."

with the customary loast to the queen.

Today he enters it daily and marches

He objected, he said, to this "expression

of one political state over another."

leather and carved-oak chair beneath the em Ireland, called Unionists, wants to portraits of Queen Victoria and King remain part of the United Kingdom, the portraits of Queen Victoria and King remain part of the United Kingdom, the Edward VII. The chair is reserved for the Catholic minority, known as Nationalists, city's lord mayor, and he is the first wants to end British rule and unite with the Catholic-dominated Irish Republic.

But in an effort to reach across comconflicted society, Mr. Maginness made it a point on taking office nine months had met with evangelical Protestant groups, spoken to a Baptist Church assembly, received the leaders of the Salvation Army and laid a wreath at the war memorial on the annual commemoration bit paranoid," Mr. Wilson said. "You of the 1916 Battle of the Somme, an could say we have taken on a siege event of reverence in the Protestant community because of the heavy losses suffered by the 36th Ulster Division.

Sammy Wilson, a Protestant who has been on the council for 17 years and served as mayor in 1986 and 1987, was

"While they talk about equality, once never imagine collaborating with him. they get into positions of influence, they rush to revoke the symbols of Union-' he said.

they long ran uncontested. Though Catholics make up less than 45 percent of the population, their power surpasses their numbers. Spurred by the civil rights movement of recent decades, the growing Catholic middle class has become more involved in politics at the same moment that disenchanted Protestants

Mr. Maginness has been a negotiator in the peace talks that resumed here Monday under pressure from the two sponsors, the governments of Britain and Ireland, to produce a settlement by April 12 that can be put to a referendum vote in Northern Ireland and the Re-

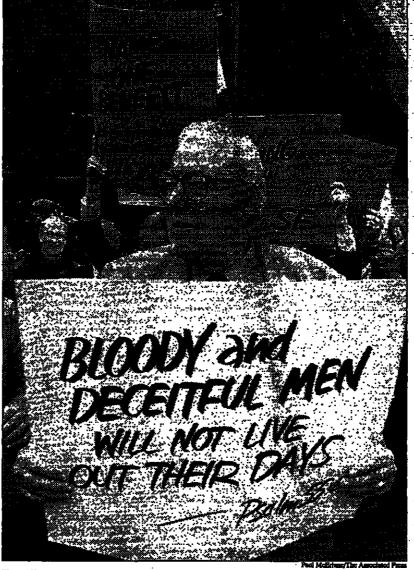
public of Ireland by May 22.

The Protestant parties have been grudging participants in a process that they view with suspicion because it had its origins with the two Catholic parties, the moderate Social Democratic and Labor Party and Sinn Fein, the political wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

"When you've got a government that increasingly wants to detach from you, it makes the Unionists feel unwanted and a mentality.

As in the peace talks, there is no impulse in the city council for compromise. Mr. Wilson said that while he bore no "personal animosity" toward Mr. Maginness, a member of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, he could

"He is in a very strong position to give the Nationalist position, and I would expect him to do that just as I did He pointed out that the intricate silverwork depicted the four provinces of
the Irish island — Connacht, Leinster,
Munster and Ulster — and included the



The Reverend Ian Paisley, head of the Democratic Unionist Party, leading protesters Monday in Stormont, outside Belfast, where Sinn was allowed to rejoin the Northern Ireland peace talks.

BRIEFLY

Turkey Will Stiffen Curbs on Militants

ANKARA - Bowing to pressure . from the military, Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz said Monday that his cabinet had prepared several draft. laws aimed at curbing Islamic radicalism, including one on attire, the sissue that fueled the latest tensions.

If passed, the laws would stiffen. the punishment for those who violate the secular dress code, participate in anti-secular meetings or marches or belong to outlawed Is -. lamic sects.

The military, which has carried out coups when it felt the secular system was threatened, warned Mr. Yilmaz last week to step up measures against radical Islam. (AP).

U.S. Vote on NATO Is Put Back to April.

WASHINGTON — A Senate vote on expanding NATO to include Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic is unlikely to take place before the end of April, the. Senate majority leader, Trent Lott,said Monday.

The vote, initially expected this, week, has been held up by partisan bickering over unrelated issues, including education, said Mr. Lott, Republican of Mississippi. On Sun-day, Mr. Lott said President Bill-Clinton's trip to Africa is the reason

for the delay.

He said many Republican senators wanted further debate on the subject, although the Republican leadership has said a vote in favor of expansion was in no doubt. (AFP)

Head Rabbis Meet Priest in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM — The leaders of the Jewish and Roman Catholic faiths in the Holy Land met for the

first time Monday.

Israel's two chief rabbis and the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem disagreed on several issues, such as the Holocaust and access to Jerusalem holy sites, but said the meeting was a positive step. "For a first meeting, we came a long way," said Israel's chief Ashkenazi rabbi, Meir Lau.

The talks were initiated by the Latin patriarch, Michel Sabbah, a Palestinian. Rabbi Lau and his Sephardi colleague, Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron, said they were disappointed that Father Sabbah had not taken issue with the Vatican report last week on the Holocaust, which they said fell short of expectations. (AP)

RUSSIA: In a Surprise Move, Yeltsin Dismisses His Prime Minister and Entire Cabinet

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approval within two weeks. Mr. Yeltsin, looking haggard during a taped speech, said: "The resignation of the government does not mean any change of our policy course. It means our desire to impart did not explain why there were no immore energy and efficiency to economic mediate replacements.

He added: "I believe that recently the government has been lacking in dynamism and initiative, fresh approaches and ideas. The country needs a new team that would be capable of achieving real and tangible results.'

The suddenness of the dismissals was Russians used to his style were taken aback. After reading the list of dismissals Monday, a radio newscaster paused and then told listeners, "This is no joke."

Kremlin for a meeting Monday and gave called him a regent for an ill monarch. jor bankers, particularly Boris Berezov-him an award for "services to the fath- Such talk may have been his downfall, sky, over his efforts to reduce their inhim an award for "services to the fatherland." He fired Mr. Chubais and Mr. Kulikov by telephone. A spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, said the moves had been planned for a long time, but he

Mr. Chemomyrdin was regarded as a stable presence in a government where other ministers frequently came and went at Mr. Yeltsin's whim. He had been in office for five years. Mr. Yeltsin relied on him to deal with a hostile legislature, and he handled bilateral trade, technology and arms-control talks on a regular basis with typical of Mr. Yeltsin, who seems to go out of his way to produce surprises. Even recently put major portfolios under Mr. Chemomyrdin's control, including the responsibility for overall economic policy.

Even though he ranks low in opinion Mr. Yeltsin told Mr. Chernomyrdin of focused on Mr. Chernomyrdin as a likely

some Russians say, because Mr. Yeitsin resents sharing the spotlight.

Mr. Chemomyrdin left quietly. At a news conference, he parroted Mr. Yeltsin's pledge that government policies would remain largely unchanged. He was coy about whether he might prepare for the next presidential poll by naming himself a candidate. "We still have time to make a choice." he said.

Mr. Chubais's ouster had been rumored for months, and he said he asked Mr. Yeltsin in early February for permission to leave. He was recently offered a top job at Vice President Al Gore. The president Russia's Unified Energy System, an electricity put major portfolios under Mr. tricity giant, and he hinted Monday that he in a country that relies heavily on fuel would take it.

Mr. Chubais was a lightning rod for complaints about the economy. He overhis dismissal Saturday, invited him to the successor to Mr. Yeltsin. One newspaper Russians. He also clashed with some ma-important consideration.

sell state resources at market prices. In a valedictory to reporters, Mr. Chubais took pride in the changes in the Russian economy. "What was achieved cannot be destroyed," he said.

fluence in government and his decision to

Mr. Kulikov was in charge of Russian internal security. He is the last of the socalled war party that launched the dis-astrous battle with the breakaway region of Chechnya. His ouster confused observers; some said it was to balance the

firing of the liberal Mr. Chubais. Mr. Kiriyenko was appointed energy exports for foreign exchange. Although many regard him as poorly equipped to succeed Mr. Chernomyrdin because his polls, Russian commentators have long saw Russia's privatization program but Moscow political ties are limited, some focused on Mr. Chernomyrdin as a likely was blamed for the poverty of millions of say his management skills are a more



Energy Minister Sergei Kiriyen-

ko, in office only five months, was

named acting prime minister.

YELTSIN: A New Struggle Opens for Control of the Kremlin

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stand the fact that the levers of power were drifting from his hands. He wanted to kill his official heir, and change the

balance of forces with one stroke. Many analysts said Mr. Yeltsin's decision was strongly influenced by Mr. Berezovsky, one of the most outspoken of Russia's powerful business magnates and perhaps the most wellconnected to the Kremlin.

An automobile, oil, airline and me-Yeltsin's 1996 re-election, Mr. Beresnowmobiling accident and had been hospitalized in Geneva.

Mr. Berezovsky was once deputy head of the Kremlin security council, APP and remains close to Mr. Yeltsin's Prime Minister Chernomyrdin daughter and political aide, Tatiana

of staff, Valentin Yumashev, as an 2000, he asserted, and he went on to unpaid adviser. Mr. rule out every other well-known con-Berezovsky rose from his hospital bed tender. He said this vacuum was "the in Geneva and returned to Moscow most serious and grave problem fafor a long and sympathetic television cing the authorities today."

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Mr. Yeltsin's announcement was interview Sunday evening, just hours before Mr. Yeitsin's announcement.

Kremlin must heed the nation's young and feisty capitalists. Critics call them a financial oligarchy that has already carved up some of the dia baron who helped bankroll Mr. most valuable factories, refineries and most valuable factories, refineries and isters, including the reformer Boris mines of the former Soviet Union for Nemtsov, a first deputy prime minister zovsky was injured recently in a their own benefit. Many observers agree that they are striving to be the kingmakers in Russian politics.

In his television interview, Mr. Berezovsky said that his chief preoccupation was finding an acceptable Prime Minister Chernomyrdin daughter and political aide, Tatiana successor to the president. Mr. may be eyeing a presidential bid. Dyachenko, and to Mr. Yeltsin's chief Yeltsin "will not be electable" in

not a clear victory for any of the fi-Mr. Berezovsky has waged a long nancial powers, if only because he campaign to push his view that the provided no clues about what is to come. He has two weeks to name a new prime minister, who will be Russia's third since the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991. The fate of many minwith Mr. Chubais, was unclear.

"Berezovsky is not the only one playing in the game," said a Western diplomat. "But it's hard to see the follow-on. It's a very short bench. No one has really thought it through."

Mr. Berezovsky was advocating the appointment of the former speaker of Parliament, Ivan Rybkin, as prime minister, officials said. Some reformers were pushing for the energy minister, Sergei Kiriyenko, a 35-yearold protégé of Mr. Nemtsov's. He was in fact named a deputy prime minister Monday and will replace Mr. Cherno-myrdin temporarily. Other specula-tion centered on the economist Grigori Yavlinsky, leader of the Yabloko bloc in Parliament, a centrist who has

never served in the executive branch. Mr. Yeltsin's choice must be approved by Parliament, which is dominated by Communists and nationalists. If they refuse after three attempts, Mr. Yeltsin can dissolve the legislature, pick his prime minister and call new elections.

Mr. Yeltsin looked harsh and cooly distant in his television appearance. The 67-year-old president has insisted he is in good health. He underwent a quintuple coronary heart bypass op-eration in 1996, and he has been ill frequently since Dec. 10, prompting renewed speculation about the possibility he may not finish his term.

FRANCE: Chirac Implores Citizens to Resist National Front

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joblessness and a sense of social stag-nation, that stirred talk about a crisis nerved that some elections had to be Mr. Chirac reminded the Socialists

that their edge in a parliamentary majority was due to the conservatives' refusal to make deals with Mr. Le Pen in legislative elections last year. In a commentary that summed up the left's mood, the newspaper Le

Monde, never sympathetic to Mr. Chirac, said that the right had suffered an earthquake over the last year. Mr. Chirac called early parliamentary elections last year, which the con-servatives lost, and now the right was so deeply split that it might have to form new parties accommodating Mr. Le Pen's more moderate followers. Most conservative leaders pre-

dicted dire consequences from the actions of a handful of politicians who made deals with Mr. Le Pen. A leading Gaullist, Nicolas Sarkozy, said that "a large part of our electorate was dismayed by the electoral pacts" and therefore defected from the conser- The stable of publications operated by vative ranks in the local voting Sunday that turned into a pro-Socialist

Mr. Sarkozy, trusting polls that show two-thirds of center-right voters opposed to Mr. Le Pen, said deals such as on-line publishing and telewith the National Front would destroy the legitimate right,

National Front candidates exploited parliamentary tricks, colluding to stay on the ballot in a runoff race while secretly ordering their followers to vote for the mainstream conservative - and thus land him with an unexpected and uneasy victory.

balloting in regional halls in the last

few days, strong emotions produced maneuvers, coming at a time of acute shouted insults of "fascist" and worse, national uncertainty amid fears of sometimes followed by rotten eggs. nerved that some elections had to be

postponed. In one such case, the victor resigned immediately, leaving his seat to a Socialist in Aquitaine. In Provence, Francois Leotard, the leader of the Union for French Democracy, one of the two parties in the center-right coalition, refused any compromise with the National Front throughout the ballots until it was possible for a Socialist, Michel Vauzelle, a former minister in François Mitterrand's gov-

ernments, to win by a plurality.

Mr. Leotard's gesture, wildly acassembly hall, may have been too little to save his political career, which has

been dogged by scandal for months. In Provence, Mr. Le Pen's party reached

an all-time peak of nearly 40 percent. There is little evidence that the center-right parties have investigated the chances of drawing away a sizable part of Mr. Le Pen's followers by responding to their complaints about issues such as law and order. This is the most important polit-

ical event of our generation," ac-cording to Herve de Charette, the former foreign minister and an ally of Mr. Leotard's, leader of the centerright, which suffered more defections than its Gaullist coalition partner.

It is urgent to confront the National Front, Mr. de Charette said, "on the heart of the debate: France's relations with the outside world, French claimed in an emotionally charged people's attitudes toward foreigners, assembly hall, may have been too little the place of France among other na-

DEAL: Bertelsmann Buys Random House to Take Lead in U.S.

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Advance Publications, which is competes in the world of ideas with privately owned, includes The New orker, GQ and Vanity Fair.

Although Bertelsmann has begun to expand into new electronic media vision, the Random House acquisition shows that the German giant will remain loyal to its classic book publishing roots that began 163 years ago when Carl Bertelsmann began printing Protestant hymnals, said Mark sold I million books each day. Woessner, chairman of Bertelsmann.

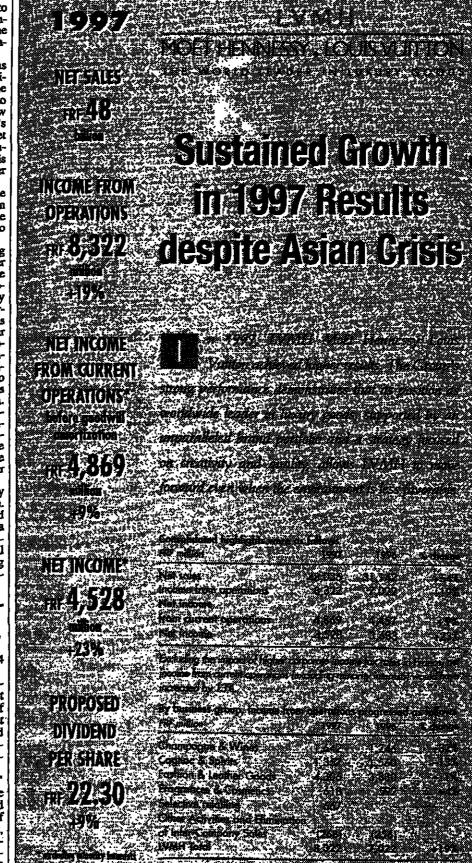
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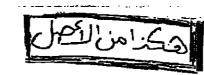
Manhattan's best-known addresses. Despite a succession of big acquisitions that began in the 1980s including the Arista Records and RCA music labels, which helped triple its sales over the past decade one third of Bertelsmann's 22.4 billion Deutsche marks (\$12.22 billion) in sales stems from book publishing. The company estimated in 1994 that it

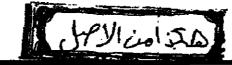
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Braced for criticism that its concentration of publishing houses might limit the democracy in the world of ideas, Bertelsmann emphasized that "the various publishing divisions and imprints will retain full editorial independence and publishing autono-

"We often hear such criticism," Mr. Runde said. "We know of the problems that could develop if we had another way of running a company of this size." The company's statutes, which are a binding part of staff employment contracts, state that its publishing work should promote people's







ASIA/PACIFIC Hindu Party in India Gains a Key Ally

Curbs on Millian Government's Chances of Winning Vote of Confidence Increase The Associated Press Telugu Desam leader, resigned Monday as chairman of the United Front, snying that be had been insulted when the other southern state of Andhra Pradesh, who local assembly elections will soon

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister Atal

Bihari Vajpayee's chances of winning a

vote of confidence later this week

brightened Monday when his Hindu na
nouslist the later this work position party aligned itself with a

powerful regional group while an op
position party faced desertions.

In a tactical move, Mr. Vajpayee's

Bharatiya Janata Party decided to sup
port the candidate of the Telugu Desam

Party for speaker of the legislature, a

position to be contested Tuesday. In the

past, the speaker has always been a

member of the governing party.

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The Bharatiya Janata Party and the Telugu Desam Party came together at a time when Mr. Vajpayee faced problems keeping his coalition intact.

Many of the 19 political parties supporting the Bharatiya Janata Party want more posts in the cabinet or better cabinet posts in exchange for their back-

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Telugu Desam leader, resigned Monday as chairman of the United Front, saying that he had been insulted when the other southern state of Andhra Pradesh, where during the weekend to field a candidate

for the speaker's post,
Mr. Naidu then surprised the United
Front and the Congress (I) Party, which
had planned to put up a common candidate for the speaker's job, by getting
one of his lawmakers, G.M.C. Balayogi,

to seek the post.
The Bharatiya Janata Party immediately announced support for Mr. Balayogi and rejected Congress's move to have its nominee be elected as the

To accept the Congress nominee as the consensus candidate would have conveyed the feeling of weakness of the combine and that we do not have a majority," the Press Trust of India news agency quoted the Bharatiya Janata Party leader, L.K. Advani, as having

The United Front suffered another setback when the National Conference Party from Kashmir left the coalition, without giving any reasons. The party holds two seats in Parliament. Previously, Mr. Naidu said he would

not support the Bharatiya Janata Party more posts in exchange for their backing support the Congress Party, which could try to form a government if the Bharton Mississippi (i.g. try) and let be boost when Chandrababu Naidu, the stress and Presided to the conton Africa is them.

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Mr. Vajpayee took another oath of office Monday, a procedural step before he gets down to the business of governing a nation mired in political and economic uncertainty.

He took the oath as a lawmaker along with other newly elected officials during the first session of Parliament since elections in February and this month.

In a televised speech to the nation Sunday night, Mr. Vajpayee outlined his priorities: increasing grain produc-tion to make India free of hunger in the next 10 years; continuing to free the economy from government control; providing clean drinking water, housing, education, health care and sanitation to more Indians and improving roads, ports and telecommunications.

He also referred to the political rivalries that saw three prime ministers toppled in the last two years. He was the first to fall after the Bharatiya Janata Party won the most seats - but not a majority - in voting in 1996. That administration lasted just 13 days before it lost a vote of confidence.

"Our mad race to pull down one another by fair and foul means has sul-lied India," he said. "I sincerely feel that as a nation we must give up this harmful path of confrontation.'



Atal Bihari Vajpayee, right, entering Parliament on Monday for the first time since he was sworn in as India's new prime minister. Accompanying him was his minister for parliamentary affairs, Maden Lal Khurana.

BRIEFLY

Furner debate of Malaysia Blocks a Flotilla Of Indonesian Job-Seekers

KUALA LUMPUR - The Malaysian government deployed ships and planes to turn back boats carrying hundreds of Indonesians who were trying to cross the Strait of Malacca to enter Malaysia illegally, the Bernama news agency reported Mon-

HEM — The kee) Since the operation began Friday, the authorities have detained 96 illegal immigrants and the captains of five boats, the news agency Bernama quoted Rear

Admiral Hashim Mohammed as saying. The operation was the most comprehensive so far to check the influx of illegal immigrants coming to Malaysia because of the economic turmoil in In-

and the last donesia and other parts of East Asia, he added. and the meaning Four navy ships, 20 police boats and four air force and police aircraft are now patrolling Peninsular and one said lone

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HONG KONG — The territory's justice secretary declined Monday to explain fully to lawmakers why decimed monday to explain tuny to tall the had decided not to prosecute a well-known

publisher implicated in a newspaper fraud.

Sally Aw Sian was named as a conspirator by the region's chief anti-corruption agency last week for an alleged plot to defraud advertisers by inflating the circulation figures of two newspapers she owns.

Three employees of the Hong Kong Standard and the Sunday Standard have denied the fraud charges. Secretary of Justice Elsie Lenng defended her decision not to press charges against Miss Aw, saying it was consistent with the department's prosecution policy.

"All prosecutions are brought quite independently of the government." Miss Leung told a legislative committee at a special meeting.

She added that contentions that a prosecution might have been squelched for political motives, were "completely untrue."

The justice secretary declined to disclose further details on the case. She said doing so would damage the suspects' rights.

Taiwanese Plane Is Forced Into Emergency Landing

TAIPEI — A Taiwan passenger plane was forced to make an emergency landing Monday, after anapparently deranged passenger attempted to start a fire on board, state radio reported.

The Great China Dash 8, carrying 16 passengers

on a domestic flight, landed at central Taiwan's Taichung airport with all aboard reported safe.

The incident was the latest in a series that has caused concern over aviation safety in Taiwan. The number of people taking flights on the nation's carriers has dropped by about 35 percent since March 18, when a plane crashed and killed 13 people.

A spokesman said the Great China plane had left Taipei on a regularly scheduled flight to Chiayi, when the passenger, Lin Chin-wen, poured gasoline from a bottle on to the carpet and seats and tried to light it with a cigarette lighter. Crew members and passengers overpowered him.

Taleban Executes 2 Men

KABUL -- The Taleban government publicly executed two men convicted of sodomy in western Afghanistan, state radio reported on Monday.

The Sharia punishment was implemented on two sodomists yesterday in Herat and the criminals were put under a wall," the Voice of Sharia said. Sodomy is a crime under Sharia, or Islamic law. The men were placed under a wall, which was then bulldozed over

The Islamic militia controls two thirds of the country, including the capital, which they seized in September 1996. It has enforced strict Islamic law and has punished dozens of people for theft, adultery, highway robbery and murder.

Exiled Cambodian Prince Expects to Return Monday

The Associated Press

BANGKOK - Prince Norodom Ranariddh said Monday that he would end his forced exile from Cambodia and tentatively set his return for Monday, possibly accompanied by foreign officials to ensure his safety.

Prince Ranariddh said an advance

team would head to Cambodia by Wednesday to assess security risks — the biggest obstacle before the prince, who was deposed as co-prime minister in a coup in July by his rival, Hun Sea, can go home under a royal pardon.

The prince and his advisers huddled with the Japanese and U.S. ambassadors to discuss his return and participation in the July 26 elections called by Mr. Hun Sen to win back legitimacy and the foreign aid that was cut off after his takeover.

Prince Ranariddh said outside his Bangkok residence that he would tentatively return next Monday. "We have to let my people complete the modalities of my return as far as my safety and

security are concerned," he said. "It's time for Hun Sen to let me go home." He added that members of the U.S. Congress and the German legislature, whom he did not identify, and a deputy foreign minister of Thailand, Sukumbhand Paribatra, had offered to

accompany him. In Phnom Penh, Khieu Sokpheap, an adviser to Sar Kheng, a co-interior minister, said that the prince "can come anytime." He added, "We will provide security to protect him — the same as any other political party president.

Under a complex Japanese plan, Prince Ranariddh was convicted in two trials this month on Mr. Hun Sen's accusations that he was smuggling arms and plotting his own coup with Khmer Rouge guerrillas. The prince was sentenced to 35 years imprisonment.

Mr. Hun Sen then gave Prince Ranariddh's father, King Norodom Sihanouk, approval Saturday to issue a royal pardon for the prince, enabling him to

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7 Nuns Kidnapped in Rwanda

KIGALI, Rwanda — Hutu rebels kidnapped 7 nuns and killed 20 other civilians Monday in separate attacks, a Rwandan military official said.

Captain Peter Karimba, a military officer in Gisenyi, 100 kilometers (60 miles) northwest of Kigali, said that about 30 to 40 rebels attacked a health center run by the Roman Catholic Church, killing three civilians and taking the seven nuns hostage.

Later, 100 rebels attacked Kanama, 15 kilometers to the east, burning local government building and killing 17 civilians before soldiers opened fire, he said

Six rebels were killed and eight Rwandan soldiers were wounded in the ensuing clashes, Captain Karimba said. In Madrid, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry identified two of the nuns as Spaniards: Sagrario Larralde Solana, a nurse, and Rosa Munoz Andres, a doctor. The Foreign Ministry said it was seeking the nuns' release through embassies in Kinshasa, Congo and Tanzania. Spain does not maintain an embassy in Rwanda. (AP)

Palestinian Journalists Protest

GAZA CITY — Palestinian journalists protested Monday to the United Nations secretary-general about Israeli soldiers who opened fire on reporters during clashes this

About 30 journalists took part in the protest outside UN offices in Gaza City, calling on the secretary-general, Kofi Annan, to guarantee international protection of journa-

A letter given to Mr. Annan protested Israeli shootings and arrests of Palestinian journalists by saying; "Journalists are always a top priority for the Israeli Army. Israeli troops injured three cameramen with rubber-

coated bullets this month during clashes between soldiers and youths who were protesting the killing of a Palestinian worker. Palestinian and international journalists accused the

troops of firing intentionally on the cameramen, one of whom had to be hospitalized.

Mr. Annan was in Gaza to meet with Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, and tour UN offices in the Jabalia refugee camp outside Gaza.

Same Man, Same Vote in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - President Rene Preval of Haiti nominated as prime minister on Monday the same economics professor who was rejected by legislators last

Although Haiti has been without a prime minister for more than nine months, Mr. Preval's third attempt to nominate one is likely to meet with insurmountable opposition in the Parliament, observers said.

'The baby is about to be delivered." Mr. Preval said in a message as he nominated Herve Denis, 59, who was rejected Dec. 23 in a close vote in the House of Deputies.

"Denis's case is closed," said Senator Paul Denis, the majority party spokesman. "His renomination is a provocation, a flagrant attempt to discredit Parliament. To take office, a candidate must pass votes in both houses of Parliament, then must win a vote of confidence for his general policy.

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Pope Exhorts Nigerians on Rights

'A New Reality' Is Possible, He Says at the End of His 3-Day Visit

The Associated Press ABUJA, Nigeria — Pope John Paul II ended his trip to Nigeria on Monday with words of hope, telling its people they can build "a new reality" by respecting human rights.

Nigerians live under a severe military regime and suffer from ethnic tensions and crime. The Pope repeatedly and forcefully called during his three-day trip for the junta's leaders to relax their grip and on Monday offered a vision of what the country could become.

Speaking at an outdoor Mass outside Abuja, he said, "Respect for every hu-man person, for his dignity and rights, must ever be the inspiration behind your efforts to increase democracy and strengthen the social fabric of your

He told the crowd of about 100,000

NAIROBI — Kenya's main uni-

versity was closed Monday after ri-

oting in which students shut down part

of the capital in the worst urban vi-

olence in nearly a year.

Kenyan police fired dozens of bul-

lets and tear gas shells to try to dis-

perse the students, who were protest-

ing that their study loans were being

eroded by inflation and that the gov-ernment had cut education spending. By evening, students from the Uni-

versity of Nairobi were slapping one

another on the back and claiming victory

head wounds from stones hurled by

students. Three cars were burned and

about 20 shop windows near the cam-

University authorities responded

by ordering the university closed for

A university official said students had until 6 P.M. to leave the uni-

versity, in the center of Nairobi, or

the second time in less than a year.

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Two policemen sustained serious

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Riots Close Kenya University

that Abuja, inaugurated as the nation's capital in 1992, "is meant to represent" the dawning of a new era for Nigeria and for Nigerians, an era filled with hope, in to everyone that in such instance which every Nigerian citizen is called to not dealing with true religion. play a part in the building of a new reality in this land."

Meeting later with the country's 53 bishops, the Pope urged them to make the Roman Catholic Church more relevant to the lives of people in Nigeria and all of Africa, where Catholicism faces stiff competition from evangel-

During the trip, he pushed his call for human rights, tolerance and compassion, directing his message both at the military government of General Sani Abacha and at the country's clashing

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main road through the capital, was blocked from 9:30 A.M. until after 7

P.M., the height of the rush hour.

Traffic on Uhuru Highway, the

Riot police had fired more than a

hundred rounds of tear gas onto the

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of stones — some launched from

crude slingshots — and an increasing

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the university education is being com-promised," said a student leader,

Makau Musau, a law undergraduate.

from a decision by the university to admit fee-paying students to the busi-ness and medical faculties even if they

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religious groups John Paul met with leaders of Ni-

geria's Muslims on Sunday, saying: "Whenever violence is done in the name of religion, we must make it clear to everyone that in such instances we are

Muslims and Christians each make up about 45 percent of the country's 115 million people and tension between them is often high. The Muslim community also is rent by internal divi-

About 10 percent of the population is Catholic.

Hours before, the Pope inspired a vast crowd at an open-air Mass in the des-olate town of Onitsha with a ringing call for the military leaders to respect human

General Abacha annulled the results of 1993 presidential elections, seized ower and jailed the putative victor, Moshood Abiola.

The general has promised a return to democracy and fair presidential elec-tions in August, but hundreds of political prisoners remain in jail.

The spiritual leader of Nigeria's Muslims, the sultan of Sokoto, welcomed the pontiff's call for tolerance, but took pains to remind the Vatican and the international community - that Nigeria will brook no interference in its internal affairs.

"There have been deliberate attempts to impose on us what others consider suitable for us," the sultan, Alhaji Muhammadu Maccido, told John Paul at the meeting.

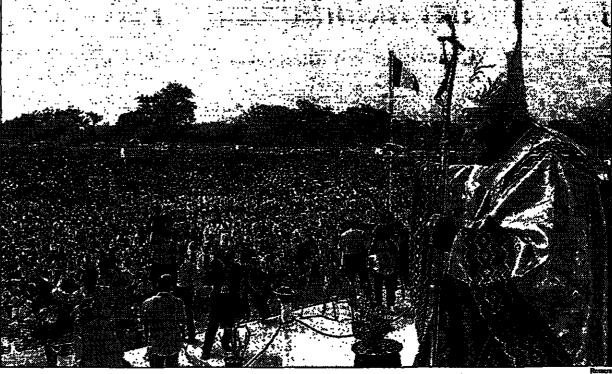
'Nigeria as a sovereign country has the right to chart her course as she considers fit," he added.

On Saturday, the Pope met with General Abacha and the Vatican presented Nigeria with a request to release about 60 prisoners, including well-known opponents of the regime. The list of names has not been made public.

Nigerian officials have not commented on the request, similar to one made logy, astrophysics and complex by the Pope on his visit to Cuba in January. Fidel Castro's government responded by releasing 299 prisoners.

The 77-year-old Pope, beset by ail-

ments in recent years, walked slowly in the West African heat and high humidity. He looked tired, but smiled and waved to the crowd.



Pope John Paul II blessing a huge crowd in Nigeria before he helped celebrate a Mass on Monday outside the capital, Abuja. The Pope ended his three-day visit to the country by stressing the need for human rights.

A Tug-of-War for Elite Supercomputers

Civilian Scientists Complain That Military Hogs the Fastest Machines

By John Markoff New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO - At a time when the demand for supercomputers among American scientists far outstrips availability, the federal government is rapidly shifting its spending for the fastest and most powerful machines to weapons research.

As a result, civilian scientists in disciplines like meteorology, cosmochemistry say they are being forced into sometimes bitter competition with military researchers and with each other for the resources they need to compute problems so complex that only the world's fastest, most powerful computers can produce adequate solutions.

"This is peace conversion in re-verse," said Christopher Paine, a researcher at the Natural Resources Defense Council in Washington, a policystudy group that recently issued a report critical of the nation's allocation of supercomputer resources.

"The research is being steered," he added, "in a direction of interest to the nuclear weapons program, and that's not the same as steering it to the at-

mospheric research community." For scientists doing basic research, the government holds just about all the tickets for rides on supercomputers. It pays for about 19 percent of super-computers built in the United States each year and for 100 percent of the topend machines that break ground in

speed and power. It takes a government-sized com-mitment to finance this kind of enterprise. The most recent government contract awarded \$85 million last month to IBM for the world's fastest machine. It is scheduled to be operational in 2000. Previous years' models will still cost a minimum of

\$10 million this year. Since the Cold War, the government has given civilian and military scientists rough parity in parceling out time on supercomputers. But the parity became a 2-to-1 ratio in favor of the military in 1996, and it will tilt to a 5-to-1 ratio by

In large part, the tug-of-war between civilian and military scientists is a result of disparities in the budgets of two federal agencies, the National Science Foundation and the Energy Depart-

The National Science Foundation

pays for the supercomputers used in civilian research. The \$72 million at allocated for that purpose in 1996 dropped to \$68 million last year. It will rise only to \$74 million in 1999.

Supercomputer is the term applied to a machine that is among the fastest of its generation. Such computers are needed for scientific and engineering problems that involve calculating vast numbers of dynamic, interactive variables - like studying the environment or global warming.

The military needs supercomputers to build ever more precise models of nuclear explosions as well as detailed. three-dimensional models of the aging of bomb components, especially the plastic explosive wrapped around the spherical surface of a weapon.. The Energy Department believes that such modeling will help maintain the na-tion's weapon stockpile without resorting to actual testing of the bombs, which would violate the Comprehensive Test, Ban Treaty.

Among the many enticements that the Energy Department's programs can of-fer is its plan to build a supercomputer capable of 100 trillion calculations a second by 2005 - 100 times the power. of today's fastest computer.

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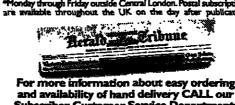
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Programmer Shortage In U.S. Is Challenged

General Accounting Office disputes reports by the Commerce Department and a major trade association about a the cap is expected to be growing shortage of com-reached by May or June and; growing shortage of computer workers.

influential Commerce Department study, "America's cutting edge against global," New Deficit: The Shortage of Information Technology Workers," issued in September, contains "serious analytical and methodological a conclusion that such a shortage exists.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, also criticized the Information Technology Association of America, a trade group representing 11,000 employers nationwide, for reports that raised alarms about a "severe shortbased on job vacancies in a sample of companies. The GAO questioned "the reliab-ility of ITAA's survey findings," saying that they were not supported by sufficient

independently analyze the supply of information about technology workers and it cautioned that weaknesses in mean there is no shortage. Rather, it said, additional inaccurately characterize' the ment the likely supply. information technology labor market now and in the fu-

In response, the Commerce Department backed away from what the GAO said were the conclusions conveyed in the title and introduction of the report. Gary Bachula, the acting Commerce Department undersecretary for technology, wrote to the GAO that the report showed "clear indications of a tight labor market" for computer workers but denied that it con-

to raise a cap on a visa program grees in those disciplines.

that allows as many as 65,000; foreign workers in "specialty, occupations' to come to the United States each year for: stays of up to six years.

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Industry leaders and congressional supporters say that that thousands more skilled In a report made public foreign workers are needed. Monday, the GAO says an immediately to keep U.S.:

chairman of the Senate image migration subcommittee, inweaknesses" that undermine troduced legislation this.

month to raise the program's ceiling to 90,000 visas a year-Critics, including labor un-ions and some administration officials, say the program has been widely abused. Hightech employers tout it as vital in recruiting the world's "best and brightest." But it is: more commonly used to hire! entry-level computer pros: of computer workers grammers in conditions rear 4 sembling indentured servi vitude, the critics say, since these employees are bound by the program to the company. that petitions for them.

The critics also say the in-1 ata. dustry loves the programs: The GAO said it did not mainly because, by increas. ing the supply of workers in at key sector, it helps hold down wages in a tight market.

In its report, the GAO saids the Commerce Department's that while the Commerce Deni report do not necessarily partment may have accurately portrayed growing deva mand for computer workers, formation is needed "to more it did not adequately docu-

The department cited proto jections that from 1994 to-2005, the United States would ! need more than 1 million pro-5 grammers, systems analysts and computer scientists and; engineers to fill an average of 95,000 new jobs a year.

In contrast, the Commerce Department report noted, fewer than 25,000 U.S. stu-7 dents earned bachelor's deig grees in computer and information sciences in 1994x;

down 40 percent from 1986.,5 The GAO said that then cluded that there is a shortage number of graduates in these and said that it was "never fields proved nothing. Activities intended to be an exhaustive cording to the National Science." nalysis."

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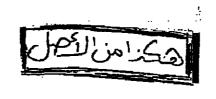
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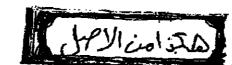
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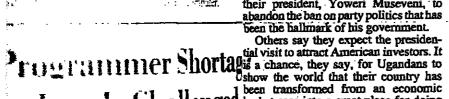


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the growing American corporate interest in the continent that has been described alternately as the poor black neighborhood in the global village, the final frontier and the last emerging market. WASHINGTON - Investing in a natiment as vast as Africa sometimes ans thinking small, even for a giant President Bill Clinton, who arrived

Monday in Ghana to begin the most extensive tour of Africa ever by an American president, plans to use the 12day trip to encourage Africa's slow emergence in the global economy.
Africa's potential as both a trading partner and an investment opportunity is largely untapped, White House officials say, and in recent months Mr. Clinton's administration has created an Africa trade office and backed a trade initiative, recently passed by the House of Representatives, to reduce duties on African

Sub-Saharan Africa has become alluring to corporations that see a vast market of about 600 million people. peace and stability in a growing number of countries, an end to apartheid in South Africa, and annual growth that has averaged 4 percent annually over the past three years. With half of the population

Mrs. Hassan's story is just one sign of growing American corporate interest now can pay dividends well into the potential for growth is almost unlimited.

omies improve in other countries, the nications networks" represent a huge opportunity. future, executives said.

But despite its advances. Africa still suffers from the stigma of decades of strife, erratic leadership and grinding poverty, an image that Mr. Clinton has

said he hopes to change.

Investing in Africa is fraught with challenges and setbacks. America Mineral Fields, based in Mr. Clinton's hometown of Hope, Arkansas, for example, cut a much-heralded \$1 billion copper and cobalt deal with Laurent Kabila's rebel movement before it won power in a military coup in Congo but then was unceremoniously dropped by Mr. Kab-ila's government late last year.

Still, the payoff can be enormous. The Commerce Department said U.S. invest-ment in sub-Saharan Africa generated a return of 31 percent in 1996, compared with 12 percent in Latin America, 13 percent in the Asia-Pacific region and 17 percent in the Middle East.

South Africa, which Coca-Cola has used as a base and testing ground for its Africa expansion strategy, now is the company's 10th-largest market. If econ-

In Ethiopia, with 55 million potential customers, annual consumption of Coca-Cola products is just three products per person, compared with 370 in the United States and 155 in South Africa. In Kenya, where the company

helped Mrs. Hassan, it is 29 a year.

'The story in Africa is getting in early,' said Jaideep Khanna, manager of Morgan Stanley & Co.'s \$250 million African Investment Fund. But it also requires getting in carefully, he said. "Our fund will try to avoid the more volatile markets." The fund's largest investments are in South Africa, Egypt, Zimbabwe, Mauritius and Ghana.

Population, privatization and natural resources are Africa's greatest assets in terms of increasing trade and invest-

Many countries in Africa are privatizing poorly run government concerns.
U.S. exports of telecommunications equipment to Africa have increased by more than 60 percent, said Commerce Secretary William Daley, adding that "these antiquated state-run telecommu-

The willingness to privatize reflects an important generational change. "The generation that led Africa into independence looked at capitalism as being part of the colonial problem," said David Miller, former ambassador to Zimbabwe and Tanzania and executive director of the Corporate Council on Africa. "The new generation is looking at capital markets as a tool it can use.

Over the past three years, U.S. trade with Africa has grown 32.1 percent, tracking the 32.4 percent expansion in total U.S. trade in the same period, the Commerce Department said. But to say the trade is growing is not to say it is large. In 1997, sales to sub-Saharan Africa accounted for less than I percent of total U.S. exports, and imports from the area were less than 2 percent of total

In South Africa, the continent's most developed economy, with a stock market some investors are finding that markets that lists 618 companies, U.S. invest-elsewhere also are attractive. ment is higher today than it was in the early 1980s before anti-apartheid sanctions were ordered by Congress.

information technology, food and bever-

Last week, for example, Barden Cos., a Detroit-based service business, opened a General Motors Corp. automotive distribution and retailing center in Windhoek, Namibia, along with a plant to convert imported vehicles from lefthand drive to right. Barden International, the affiliate running the Namibia investment, expects to do \$30 million of

The plant had its genesis in Namibia's aggressive strategy to attract investment. GM wanted to sell a fleet of vehicles to the government, but the government wanted more than just a one-time deal, said Don Barden, the company's chief executive. The solution was to import GM cars and trucks to Namibia for conversion and distribution. A first order of

With its democratic government, commitment to a market economy and accommodating policies toward poten-tial investors, "Namibia, to us, is what this Africa trade mission is all about except Namibia's already done it," Mr. Barden said of Mr. Clinton's trip, which

'There are several Africas,' said Salih

region of sub-Saharan Africa, Mr. Booker said, "The whole region is at peace, the economic engine for the region, which is South Africa, is doing well, and you've got elected governments throughout the region.'

region is "a mixed picture" because of recent conflicts in Sierra Leone and

In some countries, "even if you have the best bid and put together the best acquisition package, you're not going to get the deal because you didn't put down the black bag," said Walter Kansteiner 3d of the Scowcroft Group, an international investment advisory company. On top of all the other barriers to growth and development in Africa, there

is a tremendous overhang of debt more than \$200 billion - keeping the continent from realizing its potential. Trade and investment are critical

but they are not enough in themselves, said Justin Forsyth, director of the Oxfam International Advocacy Office in Washington.

e Supercomputer Uganda Awaits Clinton ary Hogs the Fastest Machine With Great Expectations For an Even Better Future

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KAMPALA, Uganda - Charles Katongole, a taxi driver by trade, swung years of Mr. Museveni's tenure. the pickax into the earth with a purpose at the main traffic circle outside this hot and humid capital. Sweat drenched his face and body.

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fithis work isn't finished, we will keep going through the night," he said, moppresident. I think he will bring us peace. What I want from him is to say something about this one-party system. This system

Ugandans, whose country a decade ago was a brutal dictatorship in economic collapse, are now preparing for - " Jalan expectations. Some, like Mr. Katongole, their president, Yoweri Museveni, to abandon the ban on party politics that has

been the hallmark of his government.

Still others are hoping that Mr. Clin- is planned for 2000.

word what is certain is that when Mr. Clin-: tal w ton's airplane touches down at Entebbe Airport at 1:30 Tuesday morning, he will ides an be entering a country that is a far cry from the dist-poor and oppressed nation reled by Milton Obote and Idi Amin in 12 the 1970s and 1980s.

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and established free markets for coffee Africa whose political and economic and the other commodities that power accomplishments grow more impressive each month," Mr. Clinton said this

But on the ground, Uganda, a fertile, rain-fed land the size of Oregon, remains one of the poorest countries on Earth, with an average per-capita income of The sidewalk he had volunteered to \$260 a year. A guerrilla conflict in the north and west of the country has sapped

the government's resources, forcing Mr. Museveni to spend a fifth of the \$1 billion annual budget just to keep the army supplied.

ning, diplomats and economists say.

Uganda has seen an average annual eco-

nomic growth of 6.7 percent for the 12

In the end, the country's growth has been phenomenal partly because the economy had sunk to such a low point in the mid-1980s. In addition, Mr. Museveni has been helped by aid from the United States and other major industrial countries that want to support his promarket policies. The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund have provided loans and debt relief, and foreign aid now pays for about 46 percent of the national budget.
In 1996, Mr. Museveni won the first

election to be held in 16 years by a landslide. His opponents were crippled by the ban on party activities.

He has steadfastly delayed a return to party politics, arguing that economic development must come first and that parties have done nothing in Uganda's history but foment chaos and sectarian violence. A referendum on party politics

businesses about taxes and from opposition leaders about the one-party system, Mr. Museveni remains immensely popular. Most Ugandans who remember the days of Mr. Amin and Mr. Obote, when thousands of people were routinely imprisoned or killed for political reasons, see him as a savior.

For the White House, Mr. Museveni's Uganda is the perfect place for Mr. Clinton to promote his vision of the new U.S. relationship with Africa, a partnership based on commerce rather than economic aid.

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Even here five time zones from Washington in a former British colony of 33 million people — there were some making from the problems transfers of Mr. Clinton's problems transfers to the pay and picsident, Jerry Rawlings.

himself knows the former midwife. The conversation led to a special invitation for the midwife to the White House—an example, Mr. Rawlings said, of how the time for Africans to cultivate something

even more so abroad. While the 500,000-plus estimate offered by Rawlings government would be Mr. Clinton's largest crowd ever, this number could well be inflated, since local journalists say the official capacity is only about half that. In any event, the place was filled to overflowing - a teeming, raucous, sweat-drenched mass of humanity.

over the past couple of years seemed to sounds. Mr. Clinton and his wife were greeted at the airport by chanting dancers and tribal leaders who poured libations to the ancestors from green schnapps bottles on the tarmac in a traditional Ghanaian ceremony. African drummers pounded Clinton's speech at Independence Square. And after he finished speaking, Mr. Rawlings presented with him a bright kente cloth, which Mr. Clinton donned to the

cheers of the crowd. In the crowd, many said they were hoping that Mr. Clinton's visit would be Serbia at the United Nations, a followed by a flush of new U.S. government aid or business investment. There are no plans for the former, and the sion or terrorism, a denial of visas latter, if it comes, will take time, ad-

ministration officials said. But others said they were seeking export credits to Belgrade for nothing specific out of Mr. Clinton's trade and investment. visit, merely validation for their country. VISIL INCLUSIVE WART TO see him because he is a agree only to the first two mea- and full access to the area for aid superstar, first of all, said Mohammed sures. And Moscow, Serbia's and human rights organizations. supcisian, 113, or and designer. "He's prime supplier of weapons and the

Partisan-Battles on Outside Issues Clog Legislation to Fund UN and IMF disciplined Congress. On abortion especially, both sides are captives of contrough Congress, with the Senate tak-By Helen Dewar Washington Post Service stituencies they dare not defy, making WASHINGTON — Getting Con-

gress to pay the country's bills to the involving that issue. United Nations and the International But aside from some grumbling from simple task. But the chore has now cover costs that were not anticipated serious. moved beyond complicated to chaotic, when it passed its regular appropriations bordering on a parody of the legislative

As the House and Senate move toward action on supplemental spending bills that include funds for military operations and disaster relief as well as for the United Nations and IMF, there is hardly an issue that has escaped entanglement from fiscal policy to abortion, carnpaign finance and even French politics.

'Right now it's a tangled mess,' said Senator Christopher Dodd, Democrat of Connecticut.

recess, the main problem remains what it was four months ago when funding for the UN and the IMF got sidetracked the first time: House Republicans' insistence on including an unrelated anti-abortion restriction for international family planning aid and White House threats of a veto for any legislation that includes it.

But other difficulties have arisen, inluding arguments from the Democratic left and Republican right over IMF practices, resurgent conservative angst over the UN and a guns-versus-butter dispute over paying for military operations and disaster relief. These issues raise ideological and political concerns for both parties, creating obstacles for the bills.

The situation also underscores the difficulties that President Bill Clinton, distracted by other problems, and Republican leaders, whipsawed by divisions in their ranks, have had in trying to forge a hostage to force Mr. Clinton to back and was a career civil servant serving in conservative and Socialist governments consensus within a fractious and un- down on abortion.

consensus more difficult on anything

BRAWL — Supporters of Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharif fighting Monday with those of his rival

Benazir Bhutto during Pakistan Day rites at the grave of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, the nation's first leader.

Paying U.S. Dues: Chaos in Congress

Congress usually passes in the spring to measures in the autumn, have become magnets for trouble. Last year, Republicans tried to attach several extraneous and politically charged proposals to a bill devoted largely to Midwestern flood victims; the lawmakers had to back down after a damaging veto confrontation with Mr. Clinton.

This year the underlying issues are yet more difficult, with most of the money going for national security operations that tend to produce more political pain than gain during an election year - "not With two weeks to go before spring much of anything that anyone particularly wants to be for," as the Senate majority leader, Trent Lott, Republican of Mississippi, observed this year.

In addition to nearly \$1 billion in back dues owed to the UN, \$18 billion in new Fund, and \$1.8 billion for military operations in Bosnia and the Gulf, the Senare plan — the only official draft so far relief and other domestic programs to sweeten the pot

To minimize difficulties. Republican leaders divided the package in two, combining the military and disaster money into one bill and putting the IMF and UN money - along with the anti-abortion language - into a second bill. This was done in part to avoid any embarrassing delays for the military and disaster-relief

ing up the military-disaster relief bill Monday and the House Appropriations

The \$921 million request to pay UN dues appeared to be in the most trouble. Legislation to authorize the payment bogged down in the House because Democrats opposed the anti-abortion rider that had been added at the in-

sistence of Republicans. Republican

leaders discovered this month, however, that many conservatives in their party opposed the UN funding - even with the anti-abortion language attached to it. Two votes on the bill were scheduled and then canceled in the past two weeks, and leaders intend to try again next week if they can round up enough votes. The IMF money has other troubles.

House and Senate committees have approved sharply different sets of conditions aimed at reforming IMF operations, and Treasury Secretary Robert credits for the International Monetary Rubin has described the Senate proposal as unworkable. Negotiations are underway to resolve the dispute between the Senate and Mr. Rubin, but problems calls for only \$610 million for disaster could remain in reconciling the House and Senate versions. Members of both parties are pushing their own ideological agendas; anything that satisfies conservatives turns off liberals, and vice versa.

Mr. Lott churned the waters further last week, suggesting to a ranchers' group that the IMF fire its managing director, Michel Camdessus. "He's a Socialist from France," Mr. Lott said, although Mr. Camdessus claims no party affiliation in France before moving to the IMF.

According to the Washington-based Investor Responsibility Research Center, which monitors foreign business ac-tivity in southern Africa, more than 50 percent of the multinational companies entering South Africa over the past three

years have been from the United States. Before the disinvestment wave of the mid-1980s, U.S. companies held about \$3 billion in assets in South Africa. Today, with apartheid gone, the assets held by 296 U.S. companies total about \$9.5 billion and account for about \$6,000 jobs in such industries as telecommunications,

ages, and motor manufacturing. South Africa's relatively sophisticated banking and physical infrastructure, plus its status as a launching pad to the continent's less developed markets, is the key attraction for investors.

As South Africa attempts to change and stabilize policies governing trade, investment, labor and the economy,

business in its first year.

823 vehicles already is in the country.

does not include Namibia.

Booker, senior fellow and director of the Council on Foreign Relations, who said the differences among regions are poorly understood, "If you have one traumatized country or one crisis that gets media attention, because of the general ignorance about Africa it creates the impression that the instability applies to all." In southern Africa, which is just one

West Africa, he said, has "a scattering

of countries that are doing well," but the Liberia and some of the actions of the military junta in Nigeria.

In East Africa, Uganda and Ethiopia have had strong economic growth in Committee marking up both bills Tues- recent years, but there are worries in the Supplemental spending bills, which day. But nearly every facet of both bills region because of conflicts in Sudan and concern about the stability of Kenya, Mr Booker said. In Central Africa, there are concerns about Congo's stability.

Even those who are bullish about Africa admit that there are serious barriers to more trade and investment in many parts of the continent. The barriers include the low skill level of the work force, poor education and health services, tax and other laws that discourage investment, poor transportation and sometimes unreliable water and power supplies, underdeveloped financial markets, and corruption.

In a continent where one of every five children dies before the age of 5 and where only half go to primary school, governments transfer four times as much money in debt service to developed nations as they spend on health and education, he said.

"African debt is a huge drain on scarce resources," Mr. Forsyth said.

ALBRIGHT: Milosevic Outflanks U.S. Over Sanctions

Continued from Page 1

in Kosovo to the "ethnic cleansing" of the war in Bosnia, to which the West was slow to respond.

Mr. Milosevic was the Serbian

leader before he became president

of Yugoslavia, but he was considered a major supporter of Serbian aggression in Bosnia. At the Contact Group meeting in London, Mrs. Albright and the British foreign secretary, Robin Cook, spent three hours persuading three other members to consider such actions as a comprehensive weapons embargo against

halt to supplying equipment that could be used for internal represto those responsible for the

supporting a comprehensive arms

To bolster support for further action, Mrs. Albright will travel to Rome to meet with Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini, whose country has been nearly as reluctant as Russia to crack down economically or diplomatically on Serbia. But her efforts Friday to arrange a pre-Bonn meeting with Mr. Vedrine have not yet succeeded, because of scheduling problems, French officials say.

In London, the Contact Group demanded that in 10 days, Mr. Milosevic publicly agree to a number of steps: political nego-tiations with the Albanians, led by moderate Albanian, Ibrahim Rugova, who has lost ground to Kosovo crackdown and an end to more violent groups seeking independence; removal of the Serrade and investment.

bian special police, who carried out the crackdown in the province,

Mr. Milosevic has not made an traditional ally of the Orthodox offer of talks. The current pres-

Serbs, has now backed away from ident of Serbia, Milan Milutinovic. did so, offering Kosovo "a great degree of self-rule." if the province remains part of Serbia.

American officials objected that the offer came only from the Serbian president — not, as demanded in London, from Mr. Milosevic — and that it came with conditions. The Americans fear that even renewed autonomy for Kosovo within Serbia, a status Mr. Mi-

losevic revoked in 1989, will not

be enough to contain aspirations

for independence that the recent

violence has intensified. The

American special envoy to the Bal-

kans, Robert Gelbard, pressed the ethnic Albanians hard last week to line up behind Mr. Rugova. The Americans are pressing for Kosovo to be given the status of a republic within Yugoslavia, like Montenegro. But Kosovo is the Serbs' historic heartland and Mr. Milosevic cannot afford to lose it. since even his democratic oppo-

sition opposes its separation from

Serbian Police in Kosovo Release 6 Jailed Americans

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Six American aid workers were released by Serbian police Monday afternoon in the southern province of Kosovo, two days after being arrested, a U.S. source said.

the six Americans were released at 1:30 and taken to the Macedonian border where they were met by officials from the United States Embassy in Skopje," the source said. 'I do not know at this time whether they have left

Macedonia or not." The six were arrested and sentenced to 10 days in prison for failing to register with the police, as required under Yugoslav

They had come to the

Reuters troubled province to monitor elections that were held Sunday.
U.S. officials said the Americans belonged to

> Francisco-based nongovernmental organization. The police and court action prompted outrage

> Peace Workers, a San

We were notified that from Washington. U.S. officials said the six Americans were traveling on tourist visas that gave them three days to register with the police

upon arrival. The Americans were either unaware of the registration requirement. forgot it or ignored it, the officials said.

Visitors who stay in hotels are registered automatically, but the six were all staying in private

EDITORIALS/OPINION

Indonesia in Trouble

Suharto's Tight Rein

Indonesia's President Suharto now has been "re-elected," by his handpicked 1,000-member assembly, to his seventh five-year term. One of his children speculated that this may be the president's last - that he will step down, that is, at the age of 81. But don't count on it. As usual, President Suharto is keeping a tight rein on all political activity and dissent, stifling the emergence of political parties, independent unions and other groups essential to a civil society. Daily protests by university students reflect pent-up frus-

tration with this repression. This is the backdrop to Indonesia's economic crisis, which continues to threaten not only Indonesia - the world's fourth most populous nation — but the region. In a conference on "Asia's Coming Explosion" held last week by the Overseas Development Council, the fears were not so much about Thailand and South Korea. where democratic governments have buckled down to the painful job of economic reform. The anxiety was directed at Indonesia, where an autocratic ruler continues to resist many

needed changes. This has put the West, and its agent, the International Monetary Fund, in a difficult position. President Suharto's three decades-plus rule has witnessed impressive economic growth, with the

share of population living in dire poverty falling from 60 percent to 11 percent. These gains are now threatened by a crisis of many causes. Corruption, collusion and cronvism increasingly distort the economy, but

could be explosive.

In the past few days, Indonesia's government and the IMF have shown signs of new cooperation after disagreements had prompted the IMF to put its \$43 billion rescue plan on hold. The IMF may be willing, properly, to permit continuing subsidies for food and fuel; the government may be more amenable to ending state-sanctioned monopolies. Compromise would be welcome, given the human suffering that could otherwise result. But no lasting solution to the nation's economic problems is possible in the absence of more political openness.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Troop Training

American military training for Indonesia's notoriously brutal anti-riot troops is a dangerous idea that was expressly prohibited by Congress on human rights grounds years ago. But such training has been going on, quietly, since 1992. The Pentagon cynically sidestepped congressional objections by moving the Indonesian training from the military education program, where it was prohibited, to a

different bureaucratic pocket The case for an end to the riot troop training is now especially strong because it seems likely that the troops will be used to crush legitimate democratic protests. President Suharto's erratic response to the severe economic crisis and his stage-managed re-election have sent demonstrators into the streets and his government's legitimacy to a new low.

Regrettably, the U.S. Defense Department persists in believing that all military training programs are of great benefit to the United States.

Pentagon officials argue that such raining forges valuable friendships

they are not the only issues. Many of Indonesia's institutions,

from secondary education to bank supervision, failed to keep pace with economic growth and the rapid influx of foreign investment. And coincidentally the nation has been suffering through one of its worst droughts in decades, an El Niño-related disaster that threatens the nation's rice harvest. Now the poverty rate could rise to 20 percent, nearly doubling in a year. Combined with long-standing ethnic tensions and the absence of outlets for political expression, the hardship

with future foreign military leaders and teaches trainees greater respect for civilian anthority and for human rights.

Such benefits may realistically be expected in countries where top military and political leaders are committed to professionalizing the armed forces. But the record of American training efforts in repressive military cultures like Indonesia's is bleak. Unambiguous success stories are rare, while some military graduates of American training programs, like Manuel Antonio Noriega in Panama, have gone on to lead ugly, anti-American dictatorships.

In Indonesia, the riot suppression trainees can be expected to absorb American instruction in subjects like advanced sniper techniques and special air operations and ignore any accom-

panying civics lessons.

Washington faces difficult enough challenges as the Indonesian crisis unfolds. It should not be complicating its agenda by tying the reputation of the United States to anti-riot troops whose history is marked by gratuitous violence and whose future behavior Washington is powerless to control.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Alien Deportation

the U.S. government has obtained a decision from an immigration judge in California allowing it to deport six Iraqi nationals as threats to national security. The bulk of the opinion itself, the government contends, is classified and too sensitive to be seen by the lawyers for the six Iragis. These men worked with the CIA against Saddam Hussein's regime and were among more than 6,500 Kurds and Iraqis evacuated by the agency when their opposition base in northern lraq was overrun in 1996.

They have never been admitted to the United States formally but were put in a detention facility on their arrival. And because the government has not disclosed the nature of the concern about them (although there has been some suggestion that they are double agents), they have been unable to counter the allegations against them. They believe they will be executed if

they are sent back to Iraq.

No one could argue that the government should be prevented from keeping terrorists and foreign agents out of the country. And evidence that a given alien is undesirable cannot always be disclosed without compromising intelligence sources. The Supreme Court has held that an alien who has not yet been admitted to the country has no due

process rights under the constitution. But even if the government's position comports with the constitution, it is still extreme. In criminal cases involving national security, the government is required by law to provide defendants with unclassified summaries of evidence against them. These

On the basis of classified evidence, summaries must provide the accused with substantially the same ability to defend themselves as the evidence it-

self would offer. An exclusion proceeding may be a civil matter that does not, like a criminal case, threaten to deprive anybody of liberty. But the government should not contemplate taking an adverse action against someone - and sending these men to face execution at the hands of Saddam Hussein would certainly qualify - without allowing that person a chance to rebut even a summary of the evidence against him.

Other Comment

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

Irag's 'Presidential' Sites

From an ABC interview Sunday with Richard Butler, Unscom chief. Question: What kind of differences are your inspectors seeing [in Iraq]?

Mr. Butler: Last week we went to some places that Iraq decided to declare sensitive. ... We had sent a very tough team in to have a look at those places, and in the past we've been blocked. We were not. We met with a degree of cooperation that I think justifies figuring that maybe there is now

a new spirit out there. Q: Are you able to say whether that spirit extends to knowing more about the biological weapons capacity?

A: No, I'm not. Sadly, I'm not. Excerpted from a comment in The Washington Post.

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Tough Talk on Kosovo Fits Pattern of U.S. Blunders

 $P^{\text{RINCETON, New Jersey}}_{\text{Clinton administration's frenetic}} - \text{The}$ diplomatic activity in recent weeks in and around Serbia's Kosovo region provides a fresh example of floundering in today's international environment.

Senior administration officials have made public threats that, if carried out, could embroil the United States in an ethnic war with slight if any relevance to American security.

In response to outrageous Serbian police attacks on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright announced on March 7 that the United States held Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, "personally responsible" for developments in Kosovo and reiterated that the United States "will not tolerate violence."

Earlier, Robert Gelbard, the United States envoy, was even more pointed when he threatened "the most dire consequences imaginable" to the

Yugoslav government.

By making implied threats to use military force - an idea that has no support among America's NATO al-lies — and by blaming Mr. Milosevic for all the violence, the administration is setting itself up: If our threats do not deter him, we Americans will either have to take action that can only worsen the situation or be seen as engaging in a bluff. Worse, our posturing can encourage those Albanians who use force and violence to assert their irredentist claims not only in rump Yugoslavia but also in Macedonia.

Certainly it is in the American interest to deter another Balkan war, as it is to discourage brutal Serbian treatment of ethnic Albanian citizens. But the problem cannot be solved by bluster or military action, much less by unilateral American strikes. A solution will require Mr. Milosevic to agree to restore the autonomy to Kosovo that he took away in 1989 and to protect the rights of

ethnic Albanians and Serbs alike. By blaming Mr. Milosevic alone for insist that other countries accept the

By Jack F. Matlock Jr.

the recent crackdown, and by not giving adequate public attention to the violent actions by armed Albanian separatists that provoked it, we hardly encourage compromise. By not insisting publicly that the Kosovo Albanian leaders drop their demand for full independence and negotiate in good faith for autonomy within Yugoslavia, we seem to be insisting on something no government in Belgrade can accept, with or without Mr. Milosevic.

Our NATO allies and, importantly, Russia have taken a more balanced approach, exerting pressure on each side to conduct negotiations on self-rule. But if armed Kosovo Albanians continue to attack Serbs in the region, it is difficult to see how talks could lead to a settlement or how the Yugoslav government could resist public pressure to retaliate.

If the American threat were an isolated tactical error, it could be excused as an uncharacteristic blunder easily fixed. Unfortunately, it fits a pattern of strategic misjudgment that has marked the administration's foreign policy of late. The administration has maneuvered itself very close to a lose-lose choice in dealing with Saddam Hussein, and has weakened America's leverage and ties with allies by attempting a "dual containment" of Iraq and Iran.

The administration has also reduced our ability to keep weapons of mass destruction away from terrorists and rogue regimes. By pursuing a mindless expansion of NATO, the United States has given Russia more cause to hold on to its nuclear arsenal and resist an American role in preventing leaks of

nuclear technology.

The collapse of the Soviet Union transformed the international environment. America no longer has a global rival that can threaten it by exploiting local conflicts. We, therefore, can safely

By Brahma Chellanev

States must be able to counter threats to to do that, not an overeager sheriff rushregional balances of power when they occar. But over the long run, we can only if we can do so with the support and

participation of our friends. Europeans should be required to bear the prime responsibility for ensuring peace in the Balkans. Islamic states. which with Israel have the most to lose from Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, must be responsible for supporting effective means to contain Saddam. Israelis and Palestinians must understand that they bear the responsibility for settling their problems and that others will not intervene to save them from themselves. Tough love works.

Our assistance will often be essential. But we need to resist the temptation to jump into every unstable situation. As the Gulf War showed, our military power is most effective when used in coalition with others. It also showed that even a spectacularly successful military

prime responsibility for keeping peace victory cannot assure future peace. It takes an orderly regional neighborhood ing in from another continent.

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ACTOR STATES

The United States is now strong maintain our strength and influence enough, both economically and militarily, to commit blunders without sensing the immediate effects.

The U.S. public seems oblivious to the dangers that lie ahead if the United States continues, without strategic design, to inject itself into one crisis after another, treating much of the world as its protectorate.

Uncle Sam still needs a big stick in this dangerous world. But the American people and our friends abroad will eventually whittle it to a toothpick unless he remembers Theodore Roosevelt's advice to speak softly and use it sparingly.

The writer, a professor at the Institute for Advanced Study, was U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1987 to 1991. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

Balkan Stability Depends on the West

SUPPOSE we should be grateful that the so-called Contact Group, the Western powers that monitor Yugoslavia, has managed to make modest progress. In addition to mild diplomatic and economic sanctions, it agreed to push for a UN resolution

nposing an arms embargo on Serbia. This represents a small step forward, but it is not the kind of great step that will stop Slobodan Milosevic.

Only the credible threat of military action will force Mr. Milosevic to listen. In the weeks to come, he needs to be surrounded by soldiers. NATO troops must be posted along the "Yugoslav" borders with Macedonia, Albania and Bulgaria. Naval carriers should be sta-

tioned along the Montenegrin coast.

This plan is not far-fetched. A number of countries — the Czech Republic and

Canada, for example — may be willing to participate. And while Russia would probably not approve military maneuvers, it is also unlikely to block them.

Regional stability depends on swift action from the West. Any escalation of violence confil spread to Macedonia, Albania and Montenegro. It also could reignite Bosnian Serb aspirations.

Mr. Milosevic can also be confronted on other issues that the West has ignored: his nonrecognition of the newly elected government in Montenegro, the lack of democratic institutions in Serbia and his failure to deliver war crime suspects to The Hague tribunal.

— Veton Surroi, publisher and editor in chief of Koha Ditore, an independent Albanian newspaper in Kosovo, commenting in The New York Times.

India Prepares to Take a More Assertive Nuclear Posture

NEW DELHI — Since its sole atomic test nearly 24 years ago, India has maintained nuclear ambiguity. Under new Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, however, it appears set

to move toward a less obscure,

more assertive posture. The Vajpayee government has resolved to "re-evaluate the country's nuclear policy and exercise the option to induct nuclear weapons." This is the first time that any Indian government has publicly committed itself to changing the country's long-standing nuclear policy.

The resolve reinforces a qualitative change in Indian nuclear thinking that began two years ago as a result of an intense national debate on the nuclear test ban treaty. The rejection of the treaty marked a shift in India's focus — from pursuing the illusive goal of global nuclear disarmament to giving primacy national security.

For more than three decades since starting to produce plutonium, India has been debating whether to "go nuclear." Its indecisiveness has giv-

only country to openly conduct a nuclear test and yet shy away from a military posture based

No option can be kept open indefinitely without degrading. The Indian nuclear weapons option has come under siege in the 1990s, with the five declared nuclear powers joining hands for the first time to enforce nonproliferation as a global norm. If India does not will get stuck as a nuclear are also the toughest. threshold state, bearing the burden of an open option but not

reaping the benefits. With Western export controls on high technology pinching more and more, India today has four nuclear choices: • It can cut its mounting

losses and sign the 1970 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, • It can continue to maintain

nuclear ambivalence. • It can declare itself to be a nuclear weapons state with a

en it the distinction of being the small number of nuclear weapons based on untested

• It can begin nuclear testing to erect a credible missile-based nuclear deterrent, since its principal security concern is China, still modernizing its nuclear ar-

While the second and third alternatives represent the middle ground, only the first and fourth options can yield concrete benefits to India. resolve its security dilemma, it These alternatives, however,

Opposition to the NPT is so deeply embedded in Indian political culture that no government can survive by acceding to the treaty. While accession to the NPT would help dissolve Western technology controls against New Delhi, an overt nuclear posture underpinned by testing — although not violative of India's international legal commitments is likely to prompt the great powers to impose economic sanctions.

The sanctions threat, however, is unlikely to ensure continued Indian restraint, as New Delhi is already the target of U.S-inspired export controls. If one excludes the handful of nations branded as "rogue" states and slapped with blanket technology embargoes, few countries today face the sustained brunt of U.S.-sponsored technology controls as much as

A strong incentive to move forward is the growing military asymmetry with China and China's nuclear aid to Pakistan.

India. It is this fact that has made India's present nuclear posture less and less viable. An India determined to push ahead will weigh the costs of likely new sanctions against the international price it has been paying for more than a quarter century for staying out of the

NPT regime. Even if India does

nothing, it will continue to incur

damages in the years ahead un-

less it embraces the NPT. Another strong incentive for India to move forward is the growing military asymmetry with China and the latter's con-

penditures falling sharply in this decade and resource constraints likely to remain in the near term, the attraction of a minimal nuclear deterrent, in economic and military terms, may be irresistible for Índia. Conventional defense, however strong, can never deter ad-

tinuing covert nuclear and missile assistance to Pakistan. With real Indian defense ex-

versaries armed with nonconventional weapons. Nuclear deterrence, on the other hand,

does not demand qualitative or quantitative parity with a rival.

that if nuclear indecision per-sists, the country could slide Herald Tribune.

has been building up as a counterweight to it. This situation will work in Pakistan's favor, allowing it to use nuclear deterrence to compensate for its smaller conventional forces. Instead of Indian nuclear capability serving as the

into a trap: The military rel-

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capability will stay confined to

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locked in a "deterrence tie";

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equalizer against the militarily stronger China, India will see its conventional military edge over Pakistan effectively equalized by Islamabad. With its tested nuclear warhead and missile designs from Beijing, Pakistan is already sitting pretty, while India remains saddled with an unreliable nuclear capability founded on a single test of a crude fission device.

Continued inaction by India would formalize this situation. From being a subcontinentally confined conventional military power, India would drift into being a subcontinentally confined nuclear power held in ef-; fective check by Pakistan.

Mr. Vajpayee has pledged to do everything possible for national security and to "exercise all available options, including the nuclear option.' If the Western powers wish to

stop the emergence of a sixth

declared nuclear weapons state, they should substitute their punitive approach with a constructive one that seeks to address India's core security concerns. In addition to withdrawing technology controls, which damn India whether it restrains itself or goes ahead, these powers and Russia should be willing to extend nuclear security guarantees to New Delhi and show they are genuinely interested in moving toward

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total nuclear disarmament.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: War Rumors

NEW YORK - The interval until the public knows the finding of the Maine Board of Inquiry is being made the most of by the war party and sensation-mongers. Politicians are saying that war is inevitable and near, that Congress will enforce an immediate declaration of Cuban independence upon the President. The President and Cabinet have not yet decided what diplomatic move to make towards Spain which will bring war or a settlement without war.

1923: German Plot

BERLIN - The German Popular Independence party was declared illegal throughout Prussia. following upon the disclosure of a vast conspiracy, engineered by its ultra-Nationalist leaders to overthrow the German Republic and to go to war with France. The coup d'Etat was to have been

carried out under the direction of General Ludendorff. It was planned to set in motion powerful forces composed partly of disaffected regiments of the Reichswech, partly of Adolf Hitler's Fascisti storm division.

1948: U.S. Warning FRANKFURT - The White

House announcement that the State Department will not take over the American occupation of Germany came as a surprise to European Command headquarters. This development is expected to bring to a stop the gradual transformation of the American occupation from a military to a political and economic rule. Tonight's [March 23] move was interpreted here as a warning to Moscow that the United States is as determined to support its political stakes in Europe as are the Russians, judging from their recent Communist putsch in Czechoslovakia.

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Clinton, Sex and Common Sense

NEW YORK — If all the sexual allegations now swirling around the White House turn out to be true. President Bill Clinton may be a candidate for sex addiction therapy. But feminists will still have been right to resist pressure by the right and the media to call for his resignation or impeachment. The

pressure came from another case of the double standard. There was and is a difference between the accusations against Mr. Clinton and those against Bob Packwood and Clarence Thomas, between the experiences reported by Kath-

leen Willey and Anita Hill. Commentators might stop puzzling over the president's favorable poll ratings, especially among women, if they understood the common-sense guideline to sexual behavior that came out of the women's movement 30 years ago: No

means no; yes means yes. It is the basis of sexual harassment law. Like most feminists, most Americans become concerned about sexual behavior when someone's will has been violated; that is, when "no" has not been ac-

cepted as an answer. Let us look at what seem to be the most damaging allegations, those made by Mrs. Willey, CNN polls taken right after her March 16 televised interview showed that more Americans believed her than President Clinton. Nonetheless, the president's approval

ratings have remained high.

if the allegations are true, the

president is not guilty of sexual

narassment. He is accused of

having made a gross, dumb and

reckless pass at a supporter

during a low point in her life.

She pushed him away, she said,

Why? The truth is that even

By Gloria Steinem

and it never happened again. In other words, Mr. Clinton took 'no" for an answer.

In her original story, Paula Jones essentially said the same thing. She went to then-Governor Clinton's hotel room, where, she said, he asked her to perform oral sex and even dropped his trousers. She refused, and even she claims that he said something like, "Well, I don't want to make you do anything you don't want to do.

Her lawyers now allege that as a result of the incident Mrs. Jones was slighted in her job as a state clerical employee and even suffered long-lasting psychological damage. But there appears to be little evidence to support those allegations. As with the allegations in Mrs. Willey's case, Mr. Clinton seems to have made a clumsy

pass, then accepted rejection. This is very different from the cases of Clarence Thomas and Bob Packwood. According to Anita Hill and a number of Mr. Packwood's former employees, the offensive behavior was repeated for years, despite constant "no's." It also occurred in the regular workplace of these women, where it

could not be avoided. The women who worked for Senator Packwood described a man who groped and lunged at them. Ms. Hill accused Mr. Thomas of regularly and graphically describing sexual practices and pornography. In both cases, the women said they had to go to work

every day, never knowing

what sexual humiliation

would await them - just the

kind of "hostile environ-

ment" that sexual harassment

of the equation: "Yes means yes." Whatever it was, her relationship with Mr. Clinton has never been called unwelcome, coerced or other than something she sought. The power imbalance between them increased the index of suspicion, but there is no evidence to suggest that Ms. Lewinsky's will was violated; quite the contrary. In fact, her subpoena in the

law was intended to reduce.

insky's case illustrates the rest

As reported, Monica Lew-

Jones case should have been quashed Welcome sexual behavior is about as relevant to sexual harassment as borrowing a car

is to stealing one. The real violators of Ms. Lewinsky's will were Linda Tripp, who taped their talks; the FBI agents who questioned her without a lawyer, and Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor who seems intent on tailoring the former intern's testimony.

What if Mr. Clinton lied under oath about some or all of the above? According to polls, many Americans assume he did. There seems to be sympathy for keeping private sexual behavior private. Perhaps we Americans have a responsibility to make it O.K. for politicians to tell the truth - providing they are respectful of "no means no; yes means yes" — and still be able to enter high office.

try needs, as we are doing The writer is a founder of the National Women's Political Caucus and Ms. magazine. She contributed this comment

to The New York Times.

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Clinton's Slippery Slope Of 'Executive Privilege'

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — By defi-antly asserting that he and his aides are above the criminal law — the essence of his claim last Friday of "executive privilege" — Bill Clinton has inreased the likelihood of their inictment and his impeachment.

Pitting his soaring poll ratings gainst bedrock judicial principle, he offers the other two branches of government the choice of the rule of Clinton or the rule of law. That is the meaning of his de-

ision to place his cover-up crew beyond the reach of a grand jury. Not since Richard Nixon tried to withhold incriminating taped evdence - and was forced by the Supreme Court to respond to the subpoena of a grand jury — has a president presumed to wrap personal wrongdoing in the cloak of fficial business.

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Clinton's blatant attempt at the usurpation of power.

Perhaps the president's reach for unlimited immunity has little of the human interest of a sex dispute. But what Mr. Clinton drudely groped at last week is an idea called "equal justice under law." To try to stretch presiden-tial prerogatives to subvert the course of a criminal investigation goes beyond ordinary criminal acts to reach the level of a "high"

Despite being committed under the secrecy of an ill-considered judicial seal, Mr. Clinton's claim of unprecedented privilege is not enied by the president's fleet of hawyers. We know it has taken place. If Mr. Clinton can get away with this, any future president would be able to get away with

anything.

He will declaim piously that he seeks only to protect the confidentiality of official advice. That is sophistry because he is blocking inquiry into a conspiracy of witness-tampering, which is not in his job description.

· We can hope that the Supreme Court, in a U.S. v. Clinton, will again deny a presidential powergrab. But Mr. Clinton hopes his stall will get him past the Paula Jones trial and the midterm elections. To pay for his bid to run out

the clock of his second term, this self-weakened president is willing to force the court and the Congress to weaken the presidency

permanently.
Why take such a risk to keep his aides from talking? Only one logical answer: He sees a greater risk in letting them tell the truth.

Note the difference between his defiance of the independent counsel, who is unpopular, with Mr. Clinton's more cautious approach to delaying the Congress, whose popularity now nearly matches

Bruce Lindsey, Mr. Clinton's longtime Mr. Fix-It who refuses to answer the grand jury's ques-

A blatant grab at unlimited immunity is an assault on justice.

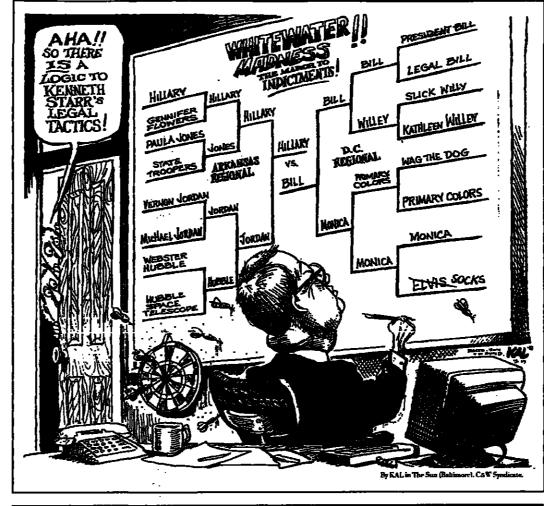
tions, also invoked a spurious executive privilege when deposed by the staff of the House committee looking into campaign scandals. Under the threat of a contempt of Congress resolution, Mr. Lindsey has agreed to return to testify April 6 about conver-sations with Mr. Clinton about the influence of the Indonesian businessman James Riady.

Behind the talk of a select committee to replace the Judiciary Committee, the usual venue for considering impeachment, is this: House rules require a two-thirds' vote to grant witnesses immunity and force them to testify. In the Judiciary Committee, Barney Frank, a Democrat, has the votes to block such vital grants.

That is why a new committee, headed by the Judiciary chairman, Henry Hyde, and dominated by Republicans, will probably be appointed. Otherwise, the parade of witnesses invoking their rights against self-incrimination or fleeing the country would continue and no serious inquiry could pro-

If impeachment comes, Mr. Clinton's power-abusive attempt to carve out a personal privilege that places him above the law the high crime perpetrated last week — will be remembered as the beginning of his end.

The New York Times



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Vatican and Jews

Regarding the editorials "Vatican Takes a Step" (March 20) and "A Start by the Vatican" (March 19):

The editorials' list of initiatives taken by Pope John Paul II to improve relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Jews omits one of the most significant of them all: his visit to a Rome synagogue in 1986, the first by any pontiff to a Jewish place of worship.

As one who was honored to be there on that occasion and who has been involved in the unfolding relationship between the Vatican and the Jewish people, I am sure that Jews everywhere will share the pontiff's hope that the Vatican's statement on the Holocaust, We Remember: A Reflection on the Shoah," will help heal the wounds of past injustices.

The Pope himself has done

have those French and German bishops who recently apologized in forthright terms for the church's failure to respond appropriately to the deportation and murder of Jews. And the names of many 'righteous among the Gentiles' who risked their lives to save Jews are remembered throughout the Jewish world.

But I am sure that the last word has not been said on the silence of those in the church who knew well what was happening to the Jews and raised neither their voices nor their hands, thereby conspiring in the terrible events many of us witnessed in our own time.

SIGMUND STERNBERG. London.

The Asteroid Is Coming

"Asteroid editorial Cinema" (March 14) ended with this question: "With Hollywood thinking this way can the defense much to help in that healing. So" contractors be far behind?" In this

case, however, defense contractors and some "Star Wars" scientists, fearing unemployment, have been hyping the threat of asteroid bombardment for some time. Hollywood got the idea from science, not the other way

But the real problem is not who stole whose plot ideas. It is that neither Hollywood nor the defense industry has figured out how to use nuclear-tipped missiles or laser beams to save the world from global warming, El Niño, destruction of the ozone layer or deforestation. If only these things could plausibly be attributed to a vast conspiracy and defeated by Bruce Willis or Agent 007.

Do we need a clever scriptwriter? Or should we ask the media to do a better job explaining the real threats to human surviv-

> ROBERT U. AYRES. Fontainebleau, France.

Don't Discriminate Against That Robot at the Wheel

By Astro Teller

PITTSBURGH — The cultural definition of artificial intelligence goes something like this: the science of how to get ma-chines to do the things they do in the movies. No wonder the subject makes some people nervous.

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The popular media portray ar-

heights of human accomplishment, but also as an inevitable catalyst for the downfall of our species. From Frankenstein through HAL to "The Termin-Our culture enjoys wallowing in the fear of our creations. And in the real world, the Internet enthralis us but also makes us nervous about the power of com-

When we fear the unknown and the new view of ourselves that naturally accompanies knowledge, we cloud our vision and block our path to achieving an enlightened civilization.

The goal of artificial intelligence — or AI, as it is known — is to build devices that can perceive, reason, learn and act at or above human performance levels. But even that definition makes people uncomfortable. The most prevalent argument against AI is similar to the popular argument against cloning: the 'don't mess with Mother Nature" defense.

Unlike our fear of cloning, however, our discomfort with AI stems from an entrenched desire in Western culture to believe that humanity's place in the world is privileged, unique and super-

Recent successes in artificial intelligence clearly tend toward intelligent aids, not ecological competitors. Cars are beginning to drive themselves using AI techniques. Factories now monitor themselves and request maintenance before breakdowns occur. AI programs can act as real-time translators, mediating phone calls between people who do not share a language. My television uses AI to quiet the commercials. But in some cases, AI is match-

ing or exceeding human mental performance. Al machines are proving math theorems, sorting mail and putting paintbrush to canvas like the masters.

Why is there such resistance Times.

toward AI? I think three psychological forces have generated our antagonistic view of an admit-

tedly volatile area of science:

• All people are xenophobes to some extent. Evolution has, with good reason, dictated that animals will fear the "other." Thus we are all cautious of differences in ethnicity, sex, social class and so on. Imagine how magnified those, fears become when a culture confronts something as potentially alien as an artificial intelligence. Will you trust your child with a robotic chauffeur, even knowing that, statistically, it will get into fewer accidents than a human driver? If not, isn't that a form of. bigotry?

 All people are Luddites to. some extent. Who can blame, them? A Luddite fears change that threatens job security. But history has shown us that when some jobs disappear, others are created. The Luddite in us is often just our unwillingness to learn the skills;

required to keep up.

• All people are narcissists to... some extent. Five hundred years, ago, the Copernican revolution showed that Earth circles the sun. not the converse; people became, upset that their world was no longer the physical center of the, universe. Eventually, most everyone got over it, largely because they still believed that humans, were the purpose for the uni-

Some 350 years later the Dar-, winian revolution undermined that belief; the universe, instead of having been created for Homo sapiens, actually created us, and very recently. But many of us., have recovered from that shock, too, probably because we still believe that humans are the center of, the mental universe.

Today, AI threatens one of the last remaining things separating, us from the "lesser" animals. But, we should have learned by now that every time we give up a piece. of our narcissism, we profit as a

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Holding Sur-



By Suzy Menkes

ARIS - Patricia Lester, whose clothes for "The Wings of the Dove" were in the running for an Oscar, had no way of watching the Academy Awards ceremony broadcast to viewers around the world. There is no electricity and no tele-

vision — just Dylan Thomas's boathouse and wonderful 180-degree sea views of light on water," said Lester from her holiday home in a remote region of western Wales.

The liquid velvets and shimmering

silk pleats worn by Helena Bonham Carter captured in their ever-changing surfaces the elusive, elliptical spirit of the movie based on Henry James's novel. Yet the outfits worn by the main characters and by supporting actors, such as Charlotte Rampling, were not spe-cially designed. Sandy Powell, the film's costume designer, approached Patricia and Charles Lester — and just picked pieces from their current collection.

Known for their exceptional fabrics and rich Renaissance colors, created from a secret formula similar to the work done by Mariano Fortuny in Venice at the turn of the century, the -Lesters have carved out a unique place in international fashion. Their fluid kimono coats and neoclassical pleated dresses, all hand-dyed or printed in their Welsh workshops, are worn by women of independent spirit and artistic bent who want modern evening clothes that are outside the fashion loop.

It is their combined sense of history and modernity that made the clothes appropriate to the movie, whose dates were moved from 19th to 20th century to take in the first stirrings of the rebellious. unconventional modern woman. The loose, easy drapes were in symbolic contrast to the structured and stuffy clothes of the Victorian and Edwardian eras. 'Our clothes have an easy, timeless

aesthetic that fits in - we could do Roman clothes quite easily," said Lester, who also contributed textiles to Kenneth Branagh's 19th-century up-date of "Hamlet" and will costume -Mascagni's opera "Iris" at Lincoln Center in New York in November. How did Lester feel about the Oscar momination?

"I was thrilled to bits — it was something we did a while ago, so I was amazed, "she said. "I have no particular ambitions in that direction, but I am proud that people liked our clothes."

SHOW TIME: The American

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Political Circus and the Race for

By Roger Simon. 345 pages. \$25. Times.

WHAT a wonderful book this is, deliciously wicked, a complete

Roger Simon, a journalist at The Chicago Tribune, takes as his subject

the 1996 presidential race, which one

newspaper called the dullest campaign

in the past 25 years. It may have seemed

that way to some, but Simon found it

Reviewed by David Nicholson



Alison Elliott. left, Linus Roache and Helena Bonham Carter in "Wings."

$A \ World$ Of YSL And Art

ONDON - Wrapped in raspberry silk robes and French nauteur, Cardinal Richelieu gazed down at five models

posing in the National Gallery.

To celebrate the unveiling of the Yves Saint Laurent Room in the art gallery at Trafalgar Square last week. the couturier presented some of his most memorable art-inspired outfits, from the geometric, primary-color 1965 Mondrian dress through the 1988 jacket famously embroidered with van Gogh's sunflowers.

I have always believed that art is not only a part of culture but of life itself, that it should be made accessible to the greatest number and that museums deserve to be helped and encouraged," said Saint Laurent, explaining that he had drawn inspiration from painters as diverse as Goya, Matisse and Mondrian.

Saint Laurent and his partner, Pierre Berge, are both major sponsors of the newly refurbished North Galleries and have rooms named for them. The YSL gallery is devoted to 17th-century French paintings, including Philippe de Champaigne's portrait of Richelieu and work by the Le Nain brothers, Le Sueur and Mignard.

More than half the privately funded £4 million (\$6.6 million) has come from French donors, with a room dedicated to Nicolas Poussin and named for the David-Weill family.



Yves Saint Laurent's wool jersey dress inspired by Piet Mondrian.

2 Crafts in One: A Marriage of Texture and Contour

By Suzy Menkes

ARIS — They are an exceptional artistic duo: his graceful furniture fine-carved as smooth as silk; her woven textiles with contours of multishaded stitches.

Yet the current exhibition of their furnishings — woven deck chairs with curly legs and a banquette with a patterned hillock for a seat — is the first time that Anne and Vincent Corbiere have merged their handcraft skills.

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trait of the talk show host Larry King

telling a joke so dirty it can't even be

paraphrased for this family newspaper,

then committing numerous gaffes in a

broadcast with several Republican can-

didates, including reporting a Senate bill as passing by a 61-to-44 vote.

No one in "Show Time" gets off

to pray for the future of the republic.

His book backs that claim. There are

"It's an osmosis — like a dog grow-ing to look like its owner," said Vincent Corbiere. 'For a long time we have done our projects working by hand, side by side in the same room, and now we have brought the skills together."

The marriage broker is Pierre Passebon, whose eclectic Paris gallery is showing the joint work after encouraging Vincent Corbiere to adapt his original training as a classical-guitar maker to furnishings. The objects include lamps twirled into spindly columns, mirrors with inlaid frames planed as flat as

the glass and the ultimate coatrack with hand-carved hangers, as well as the signature consoles and tables gamboling on curving legs.

Both artisans were trained under the unique French support system for handcrafts. Vincent was a woodworker with the French guild Les Compagnons du Devoir. Anne, a French literature graduate from Portland, Oregon, moved from the United States to Paris and took an apprenticeship at the Atelier National d'Art Textile. Both also found patrons: Jacques Grange, the leading French decorator for custom-made furniture. and conturier Christian Lacroix for the one-off woven textiles

Lacroix met Anne Corbiere in 1989 through the theater, where her exceptional skills with dyeing and weaving were used to create costumes. She has subsequently worked with the designer on productions of "Carmen" and

'Otello" — as well as in haute couture. "I first knew her as a colorist, and she has brought a lot to couture," said Lacroix. "As soon as I see an image, I send it to her and she interprets it in her work. It is mutual, because in the exhibition I recognized hangings that mix metal, cotton and linen as we first did for

couture.' Anne Corbiere, working on a computer-piloted Derby loom, developed an original technique in response to Lacroix's sensitivity to random textures and subtle colors. She combines different materials from silk, through cotton, wool and linen and weaves them to create a spontaneous mingling of shades and surface textures. In a technique that brings together two crafts, the couture house creates the patterned pieces from the client measurements and weaving

and dyeing is done to scale. But after working so closely with the designer to interpret the color and technique of a particular painting as an haute couture jacket, furnishings required another application.

"I am used to working on a scale round the body, so this is a different departure, leaning on my experience doing fabric for couture but adapting my vision of graphic colors and texture," she

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Vincent and Anne Corbiere with woven-seat banquette and mirrors.

explains. She was referring to the flat bed throws, wall hangings and chair seats that come in a maze of stitches and in hot and cool colors like caramelized orange with

duck-egg blue, or ebony with cream. If Anne Corbiere has a starting point for her modernist work, it is kilim tapestries with their asymmetry and sudden changes of color and pattern in mid-motif. But her creed is to combine the "security of structure" that the loom gives her with "the spontaneous. the breaking down, the unplanned."

HE feels a debt of gratitude to the French encouragement of craftsmanship, which gave her a scholarship from the Culture Ministry and subsidizes the Corbieres studio, which they will soon relocate to a craft complex in a converted farmhouse in Anjou.

Through the 1990s, they have found that whereas the designer was once

paramount, there is now increasing re the English Course side, but the spect for the technical craft that goes into the applied arts. Both, says Vincent, detest the conceptual art of the so-cannot atahigh prediction tiessly consider their hand-

the United States, could she have had trouble this year.

achieved the same recognition back the train British passengers:

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"There is a huge artisanal movement a worth building nearly 70 and the state of in America, but I don't think I would be what and tunnels through pushed to the level of sophistication that sea Southeast England in order you get here with couture and the decorative arts," she says. "Americans the law capitals of the journeys come to Europe for that."

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By Robert Byrne

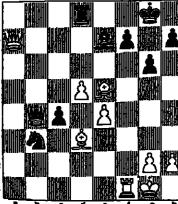
TWO pick-up teams, one from the Americas and one from Europe, contested a Scheveningen System match on 10 boards at the Mermaid Beach Club in Bermuda last month. In the third round, Alexander

Shabalov played a crisp positional and tactical game to defeat Alexander Baburin. The Accelerated Dragon Variation of

the Sicilian Defense with an early 2...g6 aims to achieve ...d5 in one move, as may happen after 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Bg7 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Be2 O-O 8 O-O d5. But it does not deter White from setting up the Maroczy bind with 5 c4. which virtually excludes ...d5.

One of Black's methods for minimizing his lack of terrain is to reduce materal with 7...Ng4 8 Qg4 (8 Nc6? Ne3 9 Nd8 Nd1 10 Nd1 Kd8 11 Rc1 b6 12 Bd3 Bb7 yields Black a slightly superior two-bishop endgame) Nd4.
With 9...e5, Black announces that he

is pinning his hopes on keeping a knight outpost at d4. White has tried to get the knight out of there with 10 Nb5, but after 10...O-O, taking the pawn by 11 Nd4? ed 12 Bd4 Qa5 13 Ke2 Re8 14 f3



SHABALOVWHITE Position after 28 ... c4

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d5! 15 Bg7 Re4 16 Kd3 Rc4 17 Ke3 Qc5 18 Kd2 Kg7 19 Bc4 dc 20 Qe1 Qg5 21 Ke3 Qf6 gave Black a winning attack in a Brunner-Ekstrom game. Switzerland

The primary point of 12 a4 was to play 13 Nb5 so that 13...Nb5 could be answered by 14 ab, giving White continued control of d5 as well as pressure on the now semi-open a file. The secondary point was that 12...a6 leaves Black with a weak square at b6. It was first seen in a Hebert-Sermek game in Cannes 1995.

After 20 Qc4. Shabalov had a protected passed d5 pawn, while Baburin's c5 pawn was vulnerable.

Shabalov attacked the black center from both sides with the very nice 21 f4! Or6 22 b4!

After 26 Qa6, the black c5 pawn was isolated and immobilized. It was already difficult to suggest how Baburin should try to survive. With 26...Nb3, he aimed for 27...Nd2. but Shabalov's 27 Be5! threatened 28 Qf6! and gave him no time for anything.

Shabalov's 29 d6! was a deadly blow; if 29...Rd6, then 30 Qe7! ends the struggle. Baburin staggered on with 29...Re8, and Shabalov hit him again with 30 Qd7!

With amazing tenacity, Baburin continued with 30...Qb6 31 Kh1 Qd8, but Shabalov silenced him for good with 32 Bc4! That was enough. Baburin gave up in view of 32...Qd7 33 Bt7 Kt8 34 Bb3 Bf6 35 Rf6 Kg7 36 Rf7.

Still, while the men and women of the media come in for their share of scrutiny, Simon pays most attention to the candidates and their staffs.

The men and women of the Clinton campaign were devoted to "stagecraft," controlling everything to present the candidate in the best light. When Clinton spoke, the stage was always four feet high so that people could wave signs without blocking television cameras. Pompoms for the audience were colorcoded, orange in Arizona, green in Oregon. The debates with Bob Dole were 90 minutes instead of 60, to keep the 72year-old Dole up past his usual bedtime.

Dole's advisers in 1996 also knew what it would take to win the election. Dole probably did, too, and he wanted no part of it. "I'm a real candidate," he said. "I want to get things done. To me, that's a vision — getting things done."

The trouble was he could never communicate just what he wanted to get done. Asked to repeat the same message in five consecutive speeches. Dole was more likely to say the same thing five times in the same speech: "So I've done it the hard way. You do things the hard way, just as you have done things the hard way, and I've done it the hard way

and I'll do it the hard way once again. 'Show Time' abounds with such incidents, and they are, sad to say, laugh-out-loud funny. Dole may be a genuinely good man, and he might have made a good president. Reading excerpts from his speeches, however, you

wonder why he wanted to run.

Aboard his campaign plane, Dole complained to a reporter that focus groups knew he was a senator and not much else. "What," asked the reporter, is the single most important thing for them to know about you?" Dole responded, "Beats me.

One of the most telling scenes in the 14 Tickle pink book is of Clinton on a platform at the rear of the train taking him to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He has a microphone, and there are 17 Triffing amount speakers on the roof of the car. It's late. 19 Singer Zadora He can hardly see the people he's 2010% cuts passing. Still the president continues to 21call out: "How you doin', man? Nice doggy. . . . That's the biggest satellite

dish I ever saw! . . . Nice garden!" As silly as this sounds, it strikes to the heart of why Clinton won. He knew how to connect with the voters, how to appear "moderate, caring and likable, es- Solution to Puzzle of March 23 pecially to women."

In the end Simon quotes a Dole adviser to the effect that Clinton wasn't FILLIBU president before the 1996 campaign. "He never became president by gov-erning." he says. "He only became president by pretending to be president in the campaign."

sad ending to a very funny book.

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Embattled Hoechst Sticks to Bold Plan

Shift to Drug Business Draws Attacks

By Edmund L. Andrews New York Times Service

FRANKFURT -- Until recently, at least, Juergen Dormann came as close as any German business executive to being a Wall Street darling.

Since taking charge of Hoechst AG in 1994, Mr. Dormann has won rave reviews for putting Hoechst, the huge chemicals conglomerate, through a breathtaking alchemy. He has been selling off the chemical businesses as fast as he can. He has spent billions to buy his way into the more profitable fields of pharmaceuticals and biotechnology. And he has slashed thousands of jobs and overhauled the bureaucracy.

Analysts repeatedly praised the strategy as bold, brilliant and fundamentally "Anglo-Saxon" in its hard-headed focus on profit. "Hoechst probably provides the prime example of changing corporate attitudes in Germany," Peter Blair of Salomon Smith Barney wrote last autumn in praising the Dormann revolution.

But now the revolution is sputtering. Investors hammered Hoechst shares last week after Mr. Dormann reported a big slide in profit and warned that this year would also be difficult.

Managers in many divisions are demoralized, and workers are draping flags with black crosses out their windows. Hoechst's shares ended Monday at 69.42 Deutsche marks

(\$37.87), down 1.98. The shares have fallen 5.18 DM, or almost 7 percent, since March 10. More embarrassing yet, Hoechst is being upstaged by de-fiantly unrevolutionary rivals such as Bayer AG and BASF AG. Both companies have held onto their chemical businesses, and both reported big jumps in sales and profit last week.

Many analysts and others still say Mr. Dormann's strategy is sound. The question, though, is whether he can pull it off. The tribulations mark a uniquely cross-cultural business experience. Perhaps more than any other German executive, Mr. Dormann epitomizes the so-called new European manager who not only embraces American ideas about share-holder value and restructuring but also tries to carry them out. If he falters, it is likely to add to the European backlash against the more market-driven approach favored in business circles in the United States.

Lately Mr. Dormann has gone out of his way to emphasize bad news and deflate expectations. But when it comes to his strategy, he does not budge.

"We said to ourselves, what is the most important business we have?" Mr. Dormann said recently. "The value driver for Hoechst was and is the pharma business, and we had to decide whether to give these businesses priority.

Mr. Dormann is hardly alone in that strategy. Monsanto Co. sold off most of its chemical businesses to focus on life sciences; Du Pont Co. has been under pressure to do the same but is resisting.

But the sheer scale of Mr. Dormann's attempted revolution dwarfs them all. In the last three years, he has sold or spun off companies worth billions of dollars, several of which have proved very successful in their new lives. SGL Carbon AG, once a loss-plagued subsidiary that made graphite chemical products, was floated as an initial public offering in 1995 and has seen its stock price quadruple since then. Hoechst sold its remaining shares in a 1996 public offering that fetched about \$1 billion.



"I was the one," says Juergen Dormann, defending his decision to sell off Hoechst AG's chemical businesses.

Last year Mr. Dormann orchestrated the sale of Hoechst's specialty-chemicals business to the Swiss company Clariant AG, which assumed more than 4 billion Deutsche marks in liabilities and gave Hoechst a 45 percent stake in Clariant. The Swiss company's stock has also soared, and the Hoechst stake is worth about 3 billion DM.

In the next year or two, Mr. Dormann plans to sell or spin off most of the other chemical companies, including Celanese Corp., a big American supplier of basic chemicals.

Mr. Dormann's most significant move was to buy Marion Merrell Dow Inc., a large but mediocre pharmaceutical company based in Kansas City, Missouri, for \$7.1 billion in 1995. He combined that with Hoechst's own drug business and the French manufacturer Roussel Uclaf SA, in which Hoechst had owned a majority stake since the 1970s. But the combined

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Oil Prices Rocket on Cutback Pact

Agreement to Reduce Supply Reverses Long Plunge in Cost of Crude

DUBAL United Arab Emirates -Oil producers reaped the rewards Monday of a deal hammered out in Saudi Arabia that aims to remove as much as 2 million barrels of oil a day from saturated global markets.

Oil prices rallied almost 20 percent after news Sunday that Sandi Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico had orchestrated a pact aimed at shaving world supplies by as much as 2.7 percent by the end of

The benchmark Brent crude oil for May delivery soared to \$15.63 a barrel before finishing in London at \$14.90, up \$1.63 from Friday. Brent hit a nine-year low of \$11.90 a barrel March 17 as concerns about oversupply dominated the market.

In New York, May crude oil futures touched \$17.50 a barrel at one point and closed at \$16.49, up \$1.88. Oil there had hit a low of \$12.80 this month.

The development sent a chill through Wall Street, halting its recent rally, as the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 90.18 points at 8,816.25.

Analysts said the startling unanimity of purpose from countries inside and outside the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries meant prices could keep rising in the short term.
"If there is a 2 million bpd cut," said
Mehdi Varzi of Dresdner Kleinwort Ben-

son, referring to barrels per day, "and it sticks, then Brent could go to \$18." Brent crude averaged \$19 a barrel last year. But analysts were quick to dismiss

For producers, though, the planned out-put reduction was a relief after more than three months of collapsing oil prices. Annual oil income for Saudi Arabia,

ing in oil-dependent Western economies.

the world's largest producer and exporter, changes by an estimated \$2.5 billion for every \$1 move in the price of oil, according to economists, while Iran's income changes by \$1 billion for every \$1 swing. An OPEC decision last autumn to raise its official supply ceiling by 10 percent helped trigger the drop, which has raised fears for economic growth and the political stability

of some of the oil-dependent states. After two days of secret talks in Riyadh among Oil Minister Ali Naimi of

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EU Is Set to Clear 11 to Start the Euro

fears of inflationary pressures re-emerg-

By Barry James
International Herald Tribune

YORK, England — The European Commission and the European Monetary Institute will issue separate reports Wednesday that are expected to rule that the economies and public finances of 11 countries are in good enough shape to go ahead with Economic and Monetary Union on Jan. 1.

The 15-member European Union cleared the way for this decision during a meeting of finance ministers and central bankers here over the weekend. Meeting for the last time before the critical sixweek period leading up to the estab-lishment of the euro, the officials left the impression that they think the single currency now faces no major obstacles.

Observers said that if the reports Wednesday cast doubts on the ability of any of the 11 nations to meet the terms of monetary union, it would cause turmoil in financial markets. The reports will guide heads of government when they meet May 2 and 3 in Brussels to:

 Officially decide which countries should be admitted into the single currency, the euro.

• Establish the conversion rate of national currencies to the euro. Appoint a president of the EU's

central bank, which will replace the European Monetary Institute on July 1.

The finance ministers and central bankers meeting here played down con-cerns that the heavy burden of public debt in Italy and Belgium — more than 120 percent of gross domestic product — could disqualify those countries from

Jean-Claude Juncker, Luxembourg's prime minister and finance minister, said the debt problems were not dramatic and not a cause for immediate concern. "The problems are known, and the two countries are working con-tinually on the reduction of their debt stock," he said.

A fear has been that heavy oblig-ations in one or more countries could weaken the overall value of the euro. The Italian debt alone is 28 percent of the total debt of all 11 candidate countries. Each country is responsible for its own obligations, but participants in the single currency will switch most of their public debt to euros Jan. 1, instantly creating a bond market to rival that of the United States.

Among EU countries, Britain, Denmark and Sweden, have chosen to remain out of EMU, and Greece cannot meet the financial criteria. Nevertheless, Britain spared no effort to make the York meeting a success and to demon-strate its readiness to play a part in Europe's evolution. The European flag was seen everywhere - even flying from the tower of the Gothic minster.

bankers walked through the narrow streets of York to have lunch with the Lord Mayor at his residence, the officials also experienced at first hand the depth of opposition to the single currency within British society. They were met with jeers and boos, and two aircraft flew overhead pulling banners calling

the euro a disaster and proclaiming,
"No euro, keep our pound."

As they left the lunch, the ministers
and central bankers were met with more catcalls, and eggs flew in their direction.

One war veteran, Eric Jeffs, 79, said he had fought for six years against the Nazis. "Now they are giving the country away," he said. "Hitler must be laughing in his grave." Some of the demonstrators hissed "traitor" as the chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, walked by. As the German finance minister, Theo Waigel, passed by, another group of demonstrators counted out in German: "Eins, zwei, drei, vier, we don't want your euro here."

Observers said the York meeting had enabled the British government to send out two messages: By presenting the meeting as an important event in the lead-up to the adoption of the new currency, it was able to raise the public profile of the euro. At the same time, Mr. Brown could show his fellow ministers the strength of opposition to the currency in Britain as a justification for its cautious approach to the currency.

Thinking Ahead /Commentary

Channel Vision: Hurry Up, or Go Slow?

No, the Eurostar Hasn't Quite Bridged the Gap Between Two Systems

By Reginald Dale

BOARD THE EUROSTAR the English countryside, but to many British people it is a source of national

While France effortlessly constructed a high-speed rail line to the Channel Tunnel in time for its opening in 1994, even more uncertain since the company that was meant to build it ran into financial trouble this year.

to be defensive: Many ask whether it is questions that delay construction in really worth building nearly 70 miles Britain: Do we actually need this line? of new track and tunnels through con- Will it be cost-effective? How should gested Southeast England in order to the burden be distributed between tax-clip a half-hour off the journey be-payers and the private sector? tween the two capitals.

A Frenchman is quietly superior. "It is not the way we do things in France," he says. No, it is not. But that does not Europe necessarily make the French way bet-

Cross Rates

anteed to raise an outcry from the local of France's unemployment

It is true that such protests are be-Paris-to-London Eurostar more democratic. There is a big diftions, like France, and those that see themselves primarily as peoples, like Britain and the United States.

French leaders from Louis XIV to the late President Francois Mitterrand have had no problem erecting huge, England has not yet started to do so. costly monuments to their own and the And the prospects for a fast link from nation's glory, on a scale that more the tunnel to London have become accountable British and American leaders would never get away with. Even at the humdrum level of rail-

nancial trouble this year.

On the train British passengers tend

road tracks, the all-encompassing
French state rarely asks the searching

France's attachment to public spending and state control has helped to give it the best railroad system in

But the diversion of so many reter. In France, a rail route is usually sources from the private to the public and disruptive endeavor be dictated, decided when bureaucrats draw a line sector has also helped to give France not just by the convenience of pason a map. In England, where the counone of Europe's highest unemploysengers or national prestige, but by a tryside is admittedly more crowded, ment rates. Laissez-faire Britain has a modicum of economic and commercial any major road or rail project is guar- mediocre railroad, but only a fraction discipline.

Of course, that is not the whole story. The free-market philosophies of coming more common in France. But Britain and the United States are no-As it reaches England, the the British tradition is fundamentally torious in depressing investment in transport infrastructure. There is no express slows to what seems ference in national priorities between high-speed rail track between Washlike a crawl. It is a pleasant way to see countries that regard themselves as na- ington and New York, even though the

route cries out for one.
The 35 minutes that a high-speed rail line would cut from today's three-hour traveling time between London and Paris could be decisive in making the train fully competitive with air travel. And the new track would help to link Northern England with the Continental rail system.

It is not just greater democracy that has delayed the British track, but bungled management, financial miscalculation and indecision. When the line is finally constructed, it will cost far more than if it had been built soon-

But it is a measure of the huge so-ciopolitical gap that the channel still represents that not even a Labour gov-ernment in Britain will commit endless public funds to the project.

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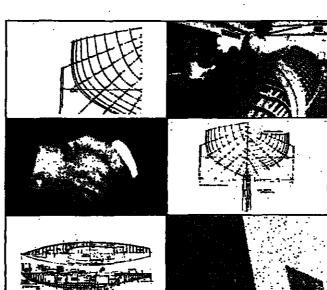
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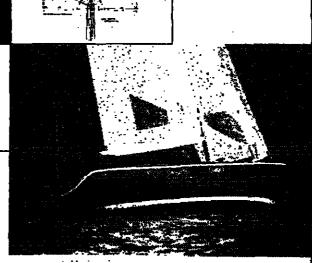
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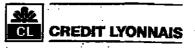
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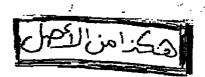
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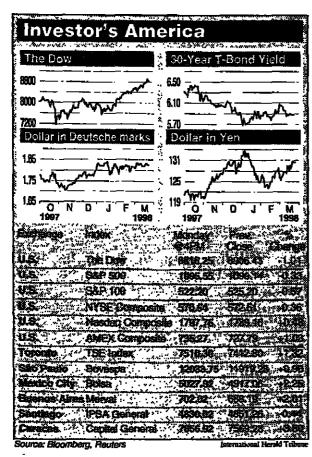
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 Cendant Corp. agreed to buy National Parking Corp. of Britain for £801 million (\$1.33 billion) to expand its operations in Britain. Cendant, which owns the Avis and Howard Johnson brands, also bought American Bankers Insurance Group Inc. for \$3.1 billion in stock and cash, making it one of the leading direct marketers of insurance.

CanWest Global Communications Corp. offered to buy the 65.4 percent of WIC Western International Communications Ltd. that it did not already own for 650 million Canadian dollars (\$458 million).

 The New York Stock Exchange is considering loosening the trading curbs that limit buying and selling when the Dow Jones industrial average rises or falls 50 points.

 Samsonite Corp. is negotiating to sell a 50 percent voting stake that would allow the luggage maker to raise enough money to pay shareholders a special dividend of as much as \$30 a share. Samsonite also reported a fourth-quarter net profit of \$4.58 million, up from \$2.30 million a year earlier, but said earnings had been hart by declining sales and a \$5.3 million restructuring charge.

Weekend Box Office

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES -- "Titanic" dominated the U.S. box office over the weekend, with a gross of \$17.3 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on estimates

for Friday through Sunday.

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2. Primary Colors	(Universal)	\$72.4 m#ior
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6. Mr. Nice Guy	(New Line Cinoma)	\$5 million
7. Good Will Hunting	(Mirana)	\$3.9 million
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Kodak Gains Foothold in China Market

ROCHESTER, New York -Eastman Kodak Co said Monday it would invest more than \$1 billion in China in the next few years as it aims to bolster slumping profit and market share by making and selling film in the world's most populous country.

Kodak said it would create and have a majority stake in two companies through an agreement with the Chinese government. The companies will start with 2,000 employ-ees, adding to Kodak's existing China staff of about 600.

Kodak's move is designed to help it grab a bigger share of a market that is estimated to be the world's fastest-growing one. It also could help Kodak gain an edge on its Japanese rival, Fuji Photo Film Co., as Fuji cuts into Kodak's share of U.S. film sales, analysts said.

The deal also was hailed as a big step forward in China's effort to reform its state-owned industries. "This is a major coup for Kodak," said Ulysses Yannas, an analyst at Mercer, Bokert, Buckman & Reid. Mr. Yannas said Kodak and Fuji had roughly equal market share in China now.

Kodak's shares rose 31.25 cents to close at \$63.0625. Fuji's American depositary receipts fell 75 cents to end at \$34.

China has long been Kodak's target. Kodak already has two plants there that make cameras and equipment, a joint venture in glass optics and a software development center. The new companies, called Kodak (China) Co. and Kodak

(Wuxi) Co., will make Kodakbranded film and will market and distribute the products. Kodak will own 80 percent of Kodak (China) and 70 percent of Kodak (Wuxi), the company said.

The move is expected to add to market share and revenue "over time," George Fisher, Kodak's chief executive said.

Paul Allen, a spokesman, declined to provide details on when the company expected to see the benefits in terms of revenue and earnings.

Kodak estimates that Chinese

households now use less than one roll of film a year, compared with more than six for each U.S. and Japanese housebold, Mr. Allen said. The company said that if only half of the people in China shot a single 36-exposure roll of film a year, "that's the equivalent of adding another U.S. or Japan" the world photographic market. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

U.S. Sues to Block Lockheed-Northrop Deal §

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Justice Department filed suit Monday to stop Lockheed Martin Corp. from purchasing Northrop Grumman Corp., saying the acquisition "would result in substantially less, and in several cases eliminate, competition in major markets critical to the national defense."

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington after a lastminute restructuring offer by the companies over the weekend failed to meet the government's objections. according to Justice Department officials, who requested anonymity. The department asked that the

two companies be "permanently en-joined and restrained from carrying out' the \$12 billion acquisition. "This is the single largest merger ever challenged," Attorney General Janet Reno said Monday in announ-

cing the lawsnit. Defense Secretary William Co-matter," he said. hen said a Pentagon review of the proposed deal concluded that it creares significant problems for

maintaining competition."

He added, "In fact, no previous merger has raised so many inter- department rejected it as inadequate. fire control.

related problems, both horizontal and vertical across so many markets."

If the transaction proceeded, there would be just three major U.S. defense contractors - Lockheed

Martin, Raytheon Co., and Boeing Co. — and two military aircraft makers - Lockheed and Boeing. Lockheed Martin would have \$37 billion in annual revenue, second only to Boeing.

ger is in the best interest of all parties

ance for the transaction. Lockheed Martin and Northrop

say the government has demanded "unprecedented divestitures" and have hired additional lawyers to

The accord, the Justice Department said, would would result in 'unprecedented vertical and horizontal concentration in the defense industry.

A Lockheed Martin spokesman gear up for a court battle. said the company was prepared to fight the government in court. "We sides stalled after the Justice De- allow it to dominate production of have said that we believe this mer- partment rejected a Lockheed Mar- the F-22 Stealth fighter under deand we will defend ourselves in the

The Justice Department had given Lockheed until 10 A.M. on Monday to resolve its concerns or face a lawsuit to block the deal. Lockheed made an offer Monday morning, but the

Negotiations between the two of missile countermeasure units with about \$1 billion in annual sales.

The government said the offer had not gone far enough toward New York Stock Exchange at resolving its concerns in the areas of \$106.9325, down 6.25 cents. Sharesq airborne early-warning radars, mis- of Lockheed Martin were ato sile countermeasures, and airborne \$116.6825, down 31.25 cents.

Justice and Defense Department Federal officials said they were officials have been pressing Lock-concerned because the combination heed Martin to divest all of would make Lockheed Martin the Northrop's electronics businesses sole source of electro-optical and totaling about \$4 billion in an infrared missile countermeasures. nual sales — to win antimust clear- and give it control of about 72 perso cent of the market for radio-frequency countermeasures.

Lockheed and Northrop are the "only two suppliers of airborns. early warning radar, directed in frared counter measure systems and the SSQ-89 anti-submarine warfare" combat system for the U.S. mil-9 itary," the lawsuit said.

Lockheed's contracts already? comprise about 25 percent of the Pentagon's contracting budget. Theo combination would give it a near lock on the supply of radar and countermeasures, and also would tin proposal last week to divest itself velopment, said Stuart McCutchen, publisher of the newsletter Defense

Mergers & Acquisitions. Northrop's shares closed on the? (Bloomberg, AP, AFP)

OIL: Prices Shoot Higher on Accord to Reduce Production

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Saudi Arabia, his Venezuelan counterpart, Erwin Arrieta and the Mexican oil minister, Luis Tellez, the pact assumed a total reduction among 16 oil producers of 1.725

million barrels a day, an OPEC source familiar with the secret talks Current daily world supply is around 75 million barrels. Under the pact, the lion's share of

the cutback will come from OPEC lated to the Gulf War. producers. A senior Gulf source said all members except Iraq were expected to reduce output from current supply levels, rather than from their official OPEC quotas, for a combined cut of 1.3 million barrels a day from the 11-member cartel.

Sandi Arabia has said that as of April 1 it will cut daily output by 300,000 out of 8.7 million barrels. Venezuela — the top violator of OPEC's production quota system will shave daily exports by 200,000 barrels.

Countries outside the organization that have declared cuts are Mexico (100,000 barrels) and Oman (30,000 barrels). Norway, which is the world's second-largest exporter after world are in addition to the industrial average's decline, the Standard & investor optimism that inflation will sandi Arabia, has not ruled out cuts. Poor's 500 Index fell 3.63 points to remain mild. The benchmark 30-adh said non-OPEC countries were ite Index rose 3.34 points, to to 103 14/32 in late trading.

expected to contribute a total cut of at 1,792.50, helped by gains in 3Com, least 400,000 barrels a day.

Norway and Russia have been penciled in to cut 100,000 barrels each under the Riyadh pact, while Malaysia is to lower daily produc-tion by 30,000 barrels.

The UN Security Council voted last month to more than double fraq's "oil-for-food" program to \$5.26 billion of oil every six months. Iraq is otherwise barred from selling oil under sanctions re-

Technical problems severely restrict Baghdad's capacity to increase its income, but Iraqi officials said exports could rise by 700,000 barrels a day within six months if the United Nations were to approve urgent repairs to its oil facilities.

(Reuters, Bloomberg) ■ Wall Street Feels Impact

Major stock-market indexes were mostly lower in response to the oil producers' accord, Bloomberg News eported from New York. Airlines such as Southwest Airlines were the biggest losers, while oil companies such as Mobil and Exxon gained. In addition to the industrial av-

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Novell and other computer-related shares that dominate the index. Decliners and advancers were almost evenly matched on the New York Stock Exchange.

Airlines and other transportation companies fell on concern that higher fuel costs would hurt earnings. Banks were also generally weaker. Higher oil prices are seen as inflationary and possibly leading to higher interest rates, and higher financing costs also would hurt the merger

advisory businesses of big banks. Retailers were among the worsthit stocks. Traders said investors had believed the sector was safe from the effects of the Asia crisis but were cashing in to invest in other sectors. Compaq Computer rose after its \$8.48 billion acquisition of Digital

Equipment won unconditional approval from the European Commission, clearing one regulatory hurdle to the computer industry's biggest takeover. The commission cleared the acquisition by the No. 1 personalcomputer maker without conditions. U.S. bonds were little changed,

recovering from early losses, as the surge in oil prices did little to shake

Russia Shake-Up Hurts the Dollar

NEW YORK - The dollar fell against the Deutsche mark Monday after President Boris Yeltsin of Russia fired his cabinet and said he would appoint a new team to lift the economy. Germany is Russia's biggest oseditor and trading partner,

and Jack Stapleton, a currency FOREIGN EXCHANGE

salesman at Commonwealth Bank of Australia, said the shake-up "could pave the way for fair-minded and reasonable reformists.'

In 4 P.M. trading, the dollar was at 1.8262 Deutsche marks, down from 1.8313 DM on Friday. The dollar also fetched 1.4890 Swiss francs, down from 1.4983 francs, and 6.1213 French francs, down from 6.1366 francs.

But the dollar rose to 130.475 yen from 130.450 yen on news that a new economic stimulus package for Japan would not include income-tax cuts.

The pound was at \$1.6791. up from \$1.6690.

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Monday's 4 P.M. Close The 300 most traded stocks of the day.

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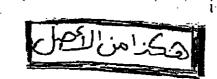
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Elf, Seeking Reserves, Buys Into Yuksi Oil France Blocks

Monday it would buy 5 percent of two regions currently account for 97 AO Yuksi Oil Co., Russia's largest percent of Elf's output. oil company, for \$528 million to

help diversify its sources of oil. - The offer values Yuksi — the the world's biggest oil-producing company that will be formed once nations to reduce output, a move AO Yukos Oil Co. merges with AO intended to drive up prices, which Siberian Oil Co. — at \$10.6 billion, fell to a nine-year low last Tuesday.

Learly one-third of Elf's market "This investment will give Elf

crude oil a day last year.
The move takes France's largest

production outside Africa and West- companies in seeking new alliances

The announcement coincided with an agreement among most of

oil company a step closer to its goal in the long term it's a good move." starts Tuesday at \$2.1 billion, of generating 10 percent of its crude Elf joins other Western oil Yuksi also expected to join in

last year formed a \$1 billion joint venture with RAO Gazprom, Russia's natural-gas monopoly, to develop Russian energy deposits, and British Petroleum PLC spent \$750 million to buy a 10 percent stake in AO Sidanco, Russia's fourth-

biggest oil company. Gazprom and AO Lukoil Hold-in western Siberia, which analysts ing, Russia's second-largest oil pro-have said could hold 700 million value. Yuksi produces 22 percent of access to some cheap reserves," ing, Russia's second-largest oil pro-Russia's oil, or 1.3 million barrels a said Peter Hitchens, an analyst at ducer, are considering teaming up day. Elf pumped 795,000 barrels of Williams de Broe in London, with Shell to bid for RAO Rosneft. "There may be some short-term the country's last major state-owned political uncertainty in Russia, but oil producer. Bidding for Rosneft starts Tuesday at \$2.1 billion, with

"Yuksi can provide Elf with the PARIS — Elf Aquitaine SA said ern Europe by 2000. Together, those in Russia. Royal Dutch/Shell Group best platform to develop its oil and gas activities in the former Soviet Union," Mikhail Khordorkovsky Union," Mikhail Khordorkovsky, Yuksi's chairman, said, "and Hif can assist Yuksi as it transforms itself into one of the world's top said Monday that it had eliminated international companies.

Among the projects Elf and Yuksi will develop is the Sugmut oil field the development cost at \$1.5 billion. field in the Timan-Petchora region. Elf shares closed Monday in Paris at 801 francs (\$130.35), up 35.

2 of 5 Banks

PARIS — The Finance Ministry two banks as bidders for the regional French banking company CIC, leaving just three bidders.

The ministry said the remaining candidates for the privatization were barrels of oil. Yuksi and Elf estimate the French banks Societe Generale and Credit Mutuel and the Dutch Elf already operates the Shapkino. finance company: ABN-AMRO Holding NV.

Banque Nationale de Paris and Credit Commercial de France were eliminated. Both sought to buy CIC to shore up their domestic bases before European monetary union. The ministry said that it was act-

ing on a recommendation from a privatization commission and that a buyer would be picked in mid-April. The sale was to be completed by the end of the month. A source said the commission,

which will be consulted again once final offers are submitted, had rejected BNP and CCF because their bids were too low. The three remaining bidders will

be given fresh access Wednesday and Thursday to confidential financial information on CIC and will then have seven working days to submit their final offers.

BNP gave a first clue on the bidding prices for CIC, saying that its rejected offer had valued CIC as a whole at "more than 16 billion francs.

The government is selling 67 per-cent of CIC, a grouping of about a dozen regional banks with strong local ties and 21,000 employees. CIC, whose net attributable profit

rose 33 percent in 1997, to 1.1 billion francs (\$179 million), is owned by the troubled state-controlled insurer GAN, which is to be privatized after the sale of CIC.

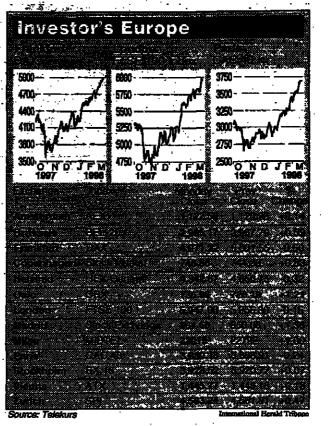
The ministry said nothing of the rejected offers beyond qualifying all five initial bids as "quality offers."

French bank profits in general are on the rise, and many banks are eager not to be left on the sidelines in a further wave of consolidation in

Societe Generale made no official comment on the ministry state-

ABN-AMRO Holding, the parent of ABN-AMRO Bank, also declined to comment beyond confirming that it had been informed it was

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Very briefly:

• The European Commission has cleared the acquisition of Digital Equipment Corp. by Compaq Computer Corp., a source at Digital in Brussels told Reuters, which also reported that the commission had cleared the acquisition by the British brewer and leisure group Bass PLC of the Inter-Continental hotel chain. It cited a Bass source in that report.

• Volkswagen Financial Services AG, a unit of Volkswagen AG, said its 1997 net profit edged up to 268.2 million Deutsche marks (\$146 million) from 266 million DM a year earlier, as model changeovers hit its leasing business.

• The Czech Republic's gross domestic product rose 2.2 percent in the fourth quarter after falling the previous quarter, led by higher exports and a recovery in the processing industry. In 1997, Czech GDP rose 1 percent from the previous year after climbing 3.9 percent in 1996.

 Coca-Cola Southern Africa has undergone a management shakeup aimed at replacing American expatriate managers with southern African nationals, a company spokesman said. In promotions set to take place April 1, Coke seeks to put more managerial control in the hands of local employees, he said, adding that "by 2001 we may have 85 percent or 90 percent of the company run by southern Africans.'

• Great Universal Stores PLC filed a countersuit against American Business Information Inc., alleging that the U.S. company had interfered with Great Universal's \$831 million bid for the direct marketer Metromail Corp.

 British Aerospace PLC sold its 26.1 percent stake in Orion Network Systems Inc. for \$143 million, recording a pretax profit of \$54 million.

 Hunzinger Information AG's offering on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, scheduled for late this week, is already more than 50 times oversubscribed, the public-relations company Resters, Bloo

HOECHST: A Strategy Under Fire

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company, called Hoechst Marion Roussel, is a hodgepodge of old products and declining volumes. No one has said this more bluntly than the company's chief executive, Richard Markham.

'In 1997, we were the only company in the top 10 whose sales declined in real terms," he said as be presented results March 11. "Our product line is older and more of our sales are of off-patent products than our competitors'. Our product line is

biggest product is Cardizern, a drug group, led by Michael Friedrich, a to relieve heart disorders, which had researcher. sales of \$780 million last year. But Cardizem's patents are expiring, Markham's warning about the year and generic rivals will be on the ahead. Acknowledging that the drug market no later than mid-1999. Its company's costs were still too high, other big product, a new allergy he announced plans to set aside about drug called Allegra, is booming but \$400 million next year to pay for is largely replacing a similar drug another round of restructuring costs. called Seldane, which the company After questioning Mr. Markham and

Mr. Markham, in the hope of company would not meet its longemulating other successful pharma- stated goal of generating a 20 percent ceutical companies, has been rush- profit margin in 1999. drugs with blockbuster potential. been mollified. But the bad news But only two of those drugs are was just the latest in a string. expected to receive approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Admin-Hoechst abruptly canceled its plans istration in 1998, and the company a year ago to spin off Hoechst Marihas been conservative about pre- on Roussel. The decision angered dicting their sales potential.

worldwide last year, the company now, analysts say that Hoechst FDA approval process.

eliminate more than 1,000 research iobs this year. That move outraged workers and managers, who staged loud demonstrations at Hoechst and later began hanging the black

crosses from their windows. In an unusual act of defiance, a group of managers at Hoechst Marion Roussel denounced the "cata-strophic effects" of decisions by Mr. Dormann and other top executives in an open letter to the Hoechst supervisory board. "Since Mr. Dormann became chairman of the board in 1994, dangerously flawed decisions have accelerated to Hoechst Marion Roussel's an alarming extent," wrote the

But what rattled investors was Mr. took off the market because of its other executives, moreover, many side effects.

many at the time because it seemed



Protesters outside a Hoechst office in Frankfurt, brandishing signs that read, "We are capital" and "Research is capital."

condition to go public at the time. ing to refocus the company's reHad it been only one disappointsearch on developing a handful of ment, investors might well have the Marion acquisition. "Marion through biotechnology. Four years was never famous for research," he ago, Mr. Dormann merged its variwas just the latest in a string.

In hindsight, it is now clear why

said. "We didn't buy Marion Merous agrichemical operations into a rell Dow because it had great 60-40 joint venture with Schering products. This was an investment in AG that is now called Agrevo. infrastructure.'

ing high costs and \$6.1 billion of drug company inside the lower valu- well as expertise in shepherding netic Systems for about \$600 million. debt. Despite slashing 8,000 jobs ation of a chemical company. But new drugs through the complex Revenue has climbed steadily, reach-

Based on the Hoechst industrial More specifically, Marion Mer- complex, Agrevo fortified its own rell Dow had a huge marketing or- research by buying a Dutch biotech-Meanwhile, the drug unit is fight- to lock the "hidden value" of the ganization in the United States, as nology company called Plant Ge-

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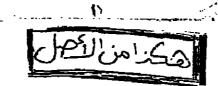
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Tokyo Rejects Calls For Income-Tax Cuts

eral Democratic Party said Monday this week in an effort to push up it would not include an income-tax share prices before corporations reduction in a proposal this week to close their books for the current revive the economy, saying such fiscal year next Tuesday. cuts were not needed to keep the The decision not to en country out of recession.

public-works projects, the party's domestic growth and help lead the secretary-general, Koichi Kato, rest of Asia out of its economic said. They will discuss extending income-tax cuts and tax-reform ef-

manipulating the country's faltering

investment should be looked at in fall," he said. terms of long-term asset allocation," Mr. Hashimoto said, responding to a spend money to bolster growth bequestion at a meeting of the budget cause it is committed to driving committee of the Diet, Japan's Parliament. "It shouldn't be considered United States, the European Union

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trillion yen (\$7.7 billion) in public TOKYO - The governing Lib- funds to support the stock market

The decision not to enact an income-tax reduction is likely to dis-Party leaders have decided in- appoint investors at home as well as stead to consider expanding the use other governments, which have of construction bonds to pay for called on Japan to cut taxes to spark

The credibility of Japan's poli-cymakers is "at rock-bottom forts at a later date, he said.

Separately, Prime Minister Ryulevels," said Michael Hartnett, an taro Hashimoto denied that any injection of public funds into Japan's Inc. Mr. Hartnett and others said stock market would be aimed at permanent income-tax cuts were necessary to stimulate spending. "You've got to get the consumer to believe his income is not going to

> The government is reluctant to down its budget deficit. But the

Finance Company Closed in Seoul

Bloomberg News SEOUL — First Merchant Banking Corp., a South Korean finance company, was shut down by the government Monday until at least April 30 after failing to raise fresh capital from its biggest shareholders.

First Merchant had a run on deposits after its major shareholder, Shinhan Bank, and others last week refused to buy new shares in a 120 billion won (\$82.8 million) stock sale. First Merchant shares were

suspended. They closed Saturday at 4,450 won, down 50. Lee Hun Jae, head of South Korea's Financial Supervisory Commission, said this month that the government would shut down financial institutions, even solvent ones, if they failed to meet financial standards.

that sent it into a tailspin. The Liberal Democrats will unveil their next economic stimulus package Wednesday. It is expected to contain more than 10 trillion yen from the view of stock-market ma- and others have called on Tokyo to in public-works spending and cuts nipulation by the government." hold off on its deficit-cutting plans in some taxes, such as those on The business daily Nihon Keizai until Japan's economy rebounds corporate incomes and for families

Jakarta Raises Key Rates, **Bolstering Rupiah by 1.9%**

JAKARTA — The Indonesian central bank, Bank Indonesia, pushed up interest rates on its benchmark government bills to re-cord levels Monday in an effort to rein in inflation and stabilize the rupiah against the U.S. dollar.

The International Monetary Fund, which has been at odds with President Suharto's government in recent weeks, has urged Indonesia to cut rates for months. The \$40 billion IMF-brokered aid package for Indonesia has been suspended until the two sides come to terms on steps to overhaul the nation's economy.

Also Monday, Indonesia canceled a plan to impose a 5 percent tax on foreign-exchange purchases, just three days after it was announced. Finance Minister Puad Bawazier issued a ministerial decree Friday saying the new tax would be imposed. Monday in an effort to curb spec-

Indonesia failed to consult with the International Monetary Fund about the tax plan beforeh IMF official said. The IMF and President Subarto's government discussed it only last weekend.

The interest-rate decision is a step

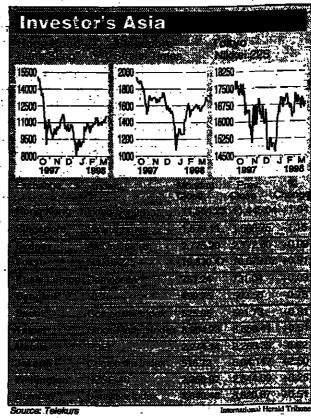
investor confidence, investors said. Higher rates will help control inflation at the expense of growth. The rupian rose 1.9 percent to 9.250 rupiah to the dollar, from Friday's Asian close of 9,425.

The one-month SBI government bill rate was raised to 45 percent from 25 percent, while the three-month rate was raised to 30 percent from 19 percent. Indonesian money supply has surged this year as Bank Indonesia extended credit to banks even as inflation accelerated to a 23-year high of 32 percent in February.

The Bank Indonesia governor, Syarhil Sabirin, said the government was worried that money-supply growth was throwing fuel on an inflationary fire and called the move Monday a preemptive strike against the problem. He suggested that rates had been too low to put an end to the rupiah's slide; it has lost 74 percent of

its value in the past year.

The International Monetary Fund praised the move. "The decision by Bank Indonesia to raise interest rates is welcome as part of the government's strategy to control infla-tion and strengthen the rupiah," said the IMF director of the Asia Pacific Department, Hubert Neiss. "Fur-Shimbun reported Sunday that the government would use as much as 1 public-spending reductions last year with children under the age of 6. in the right direction for a government that badly needs to win back inforce these policy objectives." ther actions can be expected to re-



Very briefly:

• The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange took over the administration of the stockbrokerage Halim Securities Sdn., saying the company had not complied with trading restrictions imposed by the exchange last month. Trading in Halim's controlling stockholder, Uniphoenix Corp., is to be suspended Tuesday for an indefinite period.

Japanese vehicle output continued to slow in February, hobbled by a sluggish domestic market and by flagging export growth as many carmakers sought to shift exports toward Europe. Data from Japan's five big carmakers showed that vehicle sales were down more than 20 percent in February from the same month last year.

 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. does not plan to cut prices even though slowing Asian demand is hurting its rivals, saying its technology is advanced enough to provide

 Daiwa Securities Co. and six of its former executives pleaded guilty to paying 202 million yen (\$1.6 million) to an alleged corporate racketeer.

 Singapore's Tourism Board expects tourism earnings to fall by 1.5 billion Singapore dollars (\$934 million) from the 10 billion dollars posted last year and said some businesses might not survive a second bad tourist season.

· Mitsubishi Corp. and Mitsubishi Oil Co. plan to merge their petroleum-product sales units in July and cut staff to

Kia Assails Hyundai For 'Hyena'-Like Move

By Don Kirk

Co.'s campaign to take over Kia Motors Corp. turned into a bitter battle Monday that illustrated the difficulties of Corea's major manufacturers — Chun Sang Jin, a Kua spokes

A day after the Hyundai Kia and grow still bigger.' group, South Korea's largest chaebol, or conglomerate, however, ran an undercurrent said Hyundai Motor, one of of pessimism as Kia awaited its largest companies, would word on whether a court take over Kia in the near fu- would approve the group's ture, Kia Motors attacked Hy- application for receivership undai's plan with the fury of or liquidate its assets.

an aggrieved underdog. If the court grants the re-Park Je Hyuk, president of ceivership, as expected, Kia Hyundai in particular for at-

tacking Kia "like hyenas." Hyundai plan contradicted ecutives said Kia Motors, un-"the efforts of the new gov-der receivership, would have emment to restructure the no choice but to agree to a economy" and ran counter to purchase of a majority of its the promises of the chaebol to shares by Hyundai Motor. streamline.

its founding family had long in luring interim financing of since sold most of their shares \$1 billion from Rothschild and left control in the hands of Inc. of New York at an interest professional managers. They argued that Kia,

which ranked among South Korea's 10 largest chaebol last year and subsequently ap- closed at 23,800, up 100.

plied for court receivership. was a relatively small organization of the sort that Pres-SEOUL - Hvundai Motor ident Kim Dae Jung promised during his election campaign

last autumn to encourage. "The government says it wants to prevent the chaebol mergers among South from growing bigger," said & regardless of their dire finan- man. "It makes no sense for Hyundai Motor to swallow up

Beneath the bravado,

Kia Motors, portraying Kia as must then renegotiate its "the victim of this distorted debts with its creditors. The economic structure," blamed government-run Korea De the chaebol in general and velopment Bank is expected to take over 35 percent of the shares in Kia Motors as pay-Kia, in a statement, said the ment of debt. Hyundai ex-

Kia's precarious struggle Kia executives said their contrasted with the success of group was distinct from other the Halla group, South chaebol in that the members of Korea's 12th-largest chaebol. rate of 12 percent. The deal was announced Monday.

Kia Motors' stock closed at 7.080 won (\$4.87), up 750, or before it ran into debt trouble 11.8 percent. Hyundai Motor

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The quorum sequind by law not having been reached at the Europeinary General Meeting convened on 23rd March, 1998, the shareholders of LUXOR INVESTMENT COMBANY are hereby convened to attend the postponed Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 10A, Boulevard Royal, Luxembourg, on Mousky 27th Ayril, 1998 at .11 a.m., for the purpose of considering the following Agenda:

1. To resolve on the liquidation of the Company.

2. To suppoint a liquidation and to determine his powers.

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To suspend all subscriptions and repurchases of shares.
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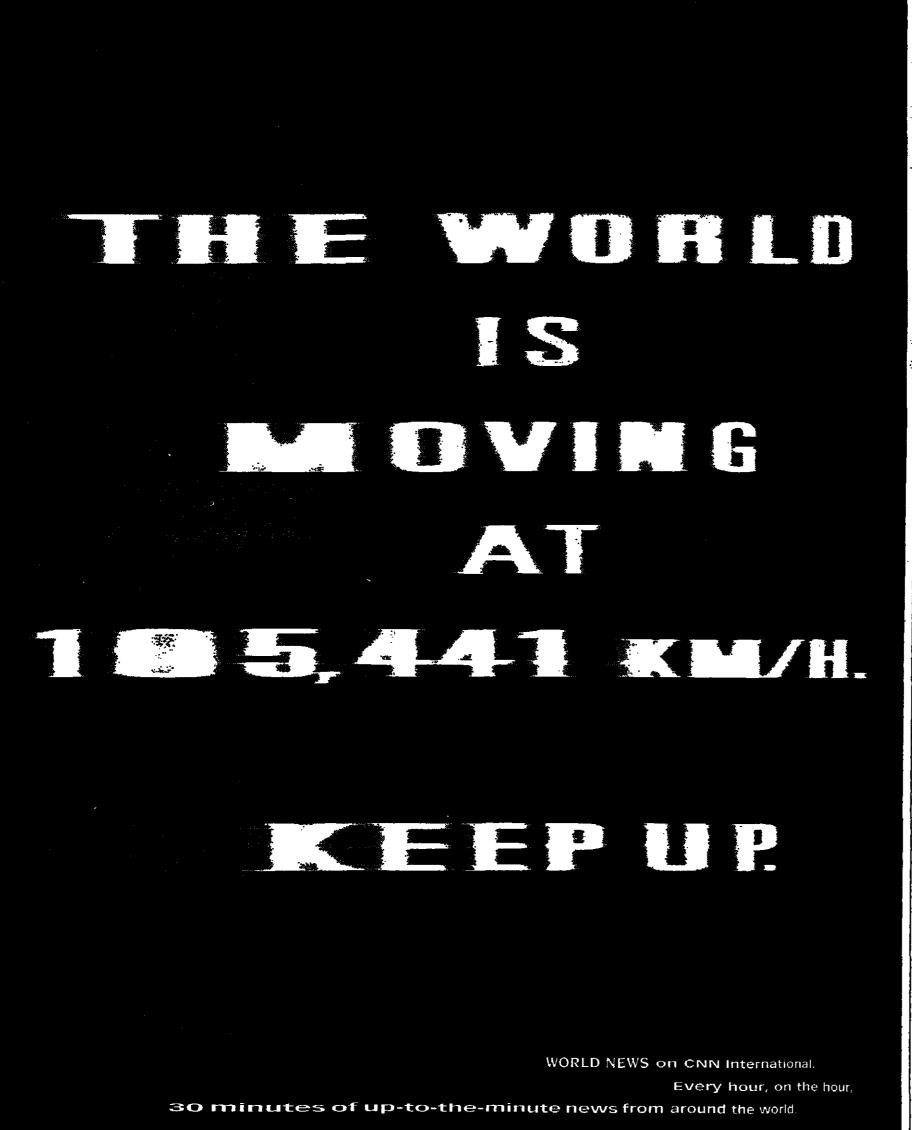
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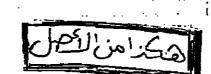
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Proxy forms are smallable upon request at the registered office. In order to be valid, jetusy forms duy completed mint be received at the registered office on 24th April, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the latest.

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A prototype of the receivers that Noah Samara, right, plans to sell across the Third World and supply via satellite with international programming.

Wall Street to OPEC: We Don't Believe You

Stocks Surge and Oil Prices Slide on Doubts

NEW YORK — The U.S. stock market rallied strongly Tuesday as crude-oil prices slipped on doubts that oil producers would honor their pledge to cut production to lift prices.

'People are rethinking whether OPEC ministers will do what they have always done -- say one thing and do another," Joseph Barthel, chief investment strategist at Fahnestock & Co., said of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. "There is disbelief

that OPEC has gotten its act together."

Oil prices surged Monday as several of the world's top producers pledged to cut output by as much as 1.6 million barrels a day to lift prices, which had fallen to 10-year lows. On Tuesday, Qatar said it also would cut its oil profuction, and Iran's oil minister said OPEC would hold an emergency meeting soon to find ways to lift prices.

But some of the producers, notably Venezuela, have a history of producing above their promised amounts, leaving traders wary of the output targets. "People realized that there's prob-

ably not a genuine cartel and that these people cheat on each other and that this won't hold," said Louis Todd, head of equities trading at J.C. Bradford & Co. Crude prices backtracked Tuesday.
with oil for May delivery falling 59 cents
a barrel to close at \$15.92 on the New.

York Mercantile Exchange. As oil prices slipped back, so did the threat of inflation that sent stocks down Monday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 90.18 points Monday, closed 88.19 points higher at 8,904.44, just short of a record. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed 10.10 points higher at 1,105.65. Gaining issues outnumbered losing ones by a 3-to-2 ratio on the New

York Stock Exchange. Where stocks go now depends largely on the performance of corporate earn-

ings, analysts said.
"It's kind of back to normal," said Ted Theodore, director of research at Avatar Associates. "We've still got to get through the first-quarter earnings. That looks like it's going to be a little

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Radio to the World's Masses: A Well-Funded Dream

By Mike Mills Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Seven years ago, several very wealthy and very private Middle Eastern investors started to put money into a company with an unusual

Noah Samara, a Washington lawyer, was proposing building a billion-dollar company that would sell a \$200 radio offering 75 channels of digital-quality music and news from around the globe, using three satellites.

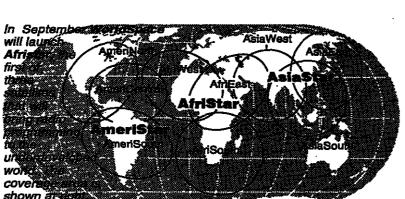
His market would be mostly developing or underdeveloped countries including India, China, much of Africa and parts of the Americas, and his revenue sources would be selling advertising, leasing channels to programmers and possibly selling premium informa-

tion services by the month. Despite the risky nature of the pla his investors have funded him with \$950 million so far. More recently, four large Japanese equipment makers agreed to manufacture the radios by the millions.

Providers of programming, including the business-news executive Michael Bloomberg, the singer Stevie Wonder and dozens of radio stations around the world, are either planning to provide or considering providing

In September, Mr. Samara, 42, the founder of WorldSpace Inc., plans to watch the launching of AfriStar, the first of three WorldSpace satellites, which is to go into orbit 22,300 miles (35.700 kilometers) above central Africa. The next two, called AsiaStar and Ameri-Star, are to be sent to hover over Asia and the Americas next year.

Most of the 4.6 billion people in WorldSpace's future listening area cannot even pick up a nearby radio station. Mr. Samara estimates that 300 million of them will eagerly pay the \$200 for the adio — he predicts the cost will start to head much lower soon. But even if he is



up and its business running.

program suppliers."

the continent.

"I think that once he gets any kind of significant penetration," said Leslie

Taylor, a Washington-based satellite in-

dustry consultant, "even as low as 20,000 to 30,000 users, he's going to

start attracting a lot more interest among

Voice of America as crucial anchor pro-

grams. Most of his initial potential customers can already get those on short-wave radio. What will excite a mass

audience, he said, is being able to hear a radio station 200 miles away, or across

People in Cape Town would love to hear Sênegal's hip Sud FM world-music

station regularly, he said, rather than having it syndicated in South Africa

only a couple of hours a day. Radio 1 FM, a music and information station in

Gambia, also is highly desired by mil-

lions outside its range.
WorldSpace also is creating its own

radio programming in unprecedented ways. Two pending projects include an

all-Swahili station and an Africa-wide

radio network, which Mr. Samara de-

scribed as the first attempt at a con-

and worked as a trade negotiator for the International Telecommunications Un-

tinental communications service, Mr. Samara was a Washington lawyer

Mr. Samara does not view the BBC or

way off. Mr. Samara says, he needs only

10 million listeners to turn a profit. "My concern is not whether I can make this a business," said Mr. Samara, who grew up in Ethiopia and Tanzania. "It's how to make it a phenomenon."

Analysts do not seem particularly concerned about WorldSpace's business prospects. Yes, its audience is hardly handpicked by Madison Avenue: Wouldbe listeners speak dozens of languages, come from widely diverse cultures and typically have low buying power and little access to goods. Even so, many who have studied Mr. Samara's business plan say the sheer scale of his intended audi-

ence makes up for those shortcomings "WorldSpace," said Thomas Watts, a satellite industry analyst for Merrill Lynch & Co., "serves a very large po-tential market for consumer products that cannot be reached by any other advertising medium."

Mr. Samara said 20 percent of his satellite capacity already was filled with programs, including Bloomberg News, which is leasing 23 channels. He said he also had met with Mr. Wonder, who owns radio stations and is interested in providing programming to an African audience. Analysts say other big names, such as British Broadcasting Corp. or Voice of America, are likely to join soon after WorldSpace gets its first satellite

ion's meetings of the World Adminis-trative Radio Conference, a sort of United Nations for the airwaves that hands out blocks of radio spectrum to nations and businesses. In April 1990, he came up with the idea to launch a satellite over Africa to provide basic radio service. He left the law firm, developed a business plan and met with venture capital contacts he had made along the way.

Now that Mr. Samara is ready to start offering his service, attention is focused on whether he will be able to sell advertising and whether WorldSpace can procure the kinds of programs that people will want to pay for.

But Mr. Samara's concerns go beyoud the bottom line. He said he hoped WorldSpace would help plant the seeds of a pan-African consciousness.

'Ten years from now." said Steven Gavenas, vice president for commercial operations, "every radio on the coninent will have this capacity built into it. It really will feel like the world is in

Boeing Can't Catch Up

SEATTLE — Boeing Co. said Tuesday that it would miss its delivery goals for the first quarter and that it might have to take an additional charge against first-quarter earnings to account for continuing production

Boeing said it would deliver 110 aircraft in the first quarter, five planes short of its goal of 115 planes.

pany had experienced a surge in costly out-of-sequence work on the next-generation 737 in the past month asso-ciated with design changes required by U.S. and European regulators.

In October, Boeing disclosed that it would have to take \$2.6 billion in pretax charges against earnings by the end of 1998, the vast majority of which was taken against second-half (Reuters, Bloomberg)

But the changes demanded by regulators, particularly a new exit door required by Europe's Joint Aviation Authorities, have left 28 of the twinengine jets sitting outside Boeing's factories awaiting modifications.

"The company is assessing the fi-nancial impact of these ongoing production problems," Mr. Woodard said.

Boeing, the world's largest aircraft Ron Woodard, president of Boeing's maker, reassured investors last month commercial jet division, said the com-that the assembly-line problems were on their way to being solved. The update shows that Boeing still does not know exactly how much it will cost to take care of the product shortages and behind-schedule work that emerged last fall when it was in the middle of doubling production in 18

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Rupiah Surges as IMF Tensions Ease Jakarta agreed to in exchange for \$40 billion in aid from the IMF, would bring centage points Monday. The govern-JAKARTA — The rupiah surged ment also scrapped a proposed 5 per-Tuesday as the International Monetary cent tax on foreign-currency purchases much-needed revenue, as the Fund has after consultations with the IMF. Finance Minister Fuad Bawazier withheld a \$3 billion tranche of the aid. Fund endorsed Indonesia's move to raise interest rates. A total of \$2.5 billion from the World

falling as low as 8,500 rupiah in Asia from 9,250 rupiah, its close there Mon-

"The IMF and Indonesia seem to be getting closer and improving their relationship," said Jimmy Koh of Independent Economic Applications of the plan in talks with the IMF.

"Let us wait to conclude the talks," he said. "It's a very comprehensive package, very wide to the plan in talks with the IMF. ings) Pte. The central bank raised key interest rates an average of 12.7 per-

The rupiah rose to its highest level in said Tuesday that Indonesia was close more than a month, with the dollar to a comprehensive package of measures to lift the country out of its worst economic crisis in three decades. He

> A successful conclusion of the talks, which include a review of reforms that

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Rank and the Asian Development Bank also would be released.

Diplomatic and political analysts said relations between Jakarra and the Fund warmed appreciably in recent days after a period of strain. Indonesia appeared to be back on an IMF-spproved track of reform and had won some concessions from the Fund, they said, including permission to continue subsidies on essential commodities.



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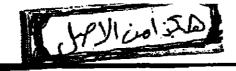
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Cup Ticket Battle

SOCCER World Cup organizers on Monday refused to reserve the remaining tickets for the soccer finals for foreigners only, and the European Union said it would start a legal battle to get those seats filled with non-French fans.

The executive commission of the 15-nation EU said Monday that it could fine the CFO World Cup organizing committee as much as 10 percent of all its sales for the June 10-July 12 finals if no change in ticket allocation is made. (Reuters)

A Test to Remember

CRICKET The 1998 Newlands test between South Africa and Sri Lanka will always be remembered as Makhaya Ntini's match. The 20year-old fast bowler had the final say, yorking Pramodya Wick-remasinghe to dismiss Sri Lanka for 306 in their second innings on Monday and clinch South Africa's 70-run victory — but his impact on the game was always going to be more symbolic than practical.

As the first black cricketer to represent South Africa in a test, Ntini's mere presence on the Newlands pitch in Cape Town ensured he was never far from the spotlight. Only by selecting a black could a traditionally white sport claim to have truly

embraced racial equality.

After his call-up, Nuni finished with match figures of two for 74 from 15.3 overs and has yet to be dismissed in test cricket. (Reuters)

Agassi Keeps Rolling

TENNIS Andre Agassi is climbing so fast in the ATP Tour rankings that he blew out a shoe. The mishap forced Agassi to change Nikes during his third-round match Sunday at the Lipton Championships in Key Biscayne, Florida.

"We had a long point, and my shoe slid and wore out the rubber and tore it open," he said, adding,
"These are good shoes." There were no other missteps by Agassi, who beat Vince Spadea, 6-4, 7-5, and improved to 21-3 this year. His ranking has climbed from 141st late last year to 31st.



Andre Agassi, signing, is moving up fast in the rankings.

Els Cakewalks in Florida

Woods and Love Fade Fast in 2-Round Finale

By Clifton Brown New York Times Service

ORLANDO, Florida - Emie Els never expected victory to come so easily. He got up on Sunday facing a 36-hole showdown with Tiger Woods and Davis Love III, two of the world's best Els expected a battle. It was a breeze.

Making a strong statement just three weeks before the Masters, Els left Woods and Love in his wake and captured the Bay Hill Invitational in convincing fashion, winning by 4 strokes over Jeff Maggert and Bob Estes. Els finished with a 14-under-par total of 274 to take the winner's share of \$360,000.

After shooting a third-round 65 in the morning, Els entered the final round with a 5-stroke lead, at 15 under par. He shot a one-over-par 73 in his afternoon round, and Maggert and Estes, though playing well, never seriously threatened.

While Els soared, Love and Woods struggled. After starting the day tied for the lead at 10 under par — two strokes ahead of Els — Love and Woods endured 36 holes of misery. Woods shot a 73 in the morning and a 77 in the afternoon to finish tied for 13th place at 284. Love was even worse, shooting a 75 in the morning, followed by a 76 to finish at 285, tied for 17th place.

Els, a two-time U.S. Open champion, proved that he is a formidable opponent when faced with a big challenge.

Asked whether he felt a rivalry with Woods, Els said: "I'm probably going to feel it a lot more now. It's good for golf. It's not myself and Tiger. It's Davis Love. It's Phil Mickelson. It's Justin Leonard, David Duval. There's so many guys, and golf is really healthy at the moment.

The victory brought a sense of redemption for Els, who had a final-round nightmare at the Johnnie Walker Classic in Thailand in January. He lost a five-stroke lead in the final round, with Woods coming from eight strokes back to win.

"I don't want to say it was revenge or that kind of thing," Els said, "but when you lose a tournament like that, I don't think it's something you ever forget. It was really tough.'

Count Em: That's 18 For Daly on One Hole

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Florida - Seven mighty swings. Six splashes. One plugged lie in the hazard. One 6-iron off the rocks. One bunker. Two putts.

Making an 18 on one hole isn't so hard to explain. Just ask John Daly, who had some explaining to do Sunday afternoon after an 18 on the 543-yard sixth hole at the Bay Hill Invitational.

"Driver in the water, 3-wood in the water, 3-wood in the water, 3-wood in the water, 3-wood in the water," he said. "How many was it, anyway?"

After his first drive went in the lake, he moved to the forward tees and tried to cut off even more of the dogleg, a shot of about 300 yards. "He annihilated it." said Paul Goydos, who had the task of keeping Daly's card. "It was right on line, it just didn't carry." So Daly kept trying.

After the third ball in the water, the

gallery started yelling, "Tin Cup," the movie about a driving-range owner who has a chance to win the U.S. Open before hitting one ball after another into the pond on the 18th hole.



John Daly signing autographs after a round he'd rather forget.

Daly finally cleared the water on his seventh shot, but it plugged in the hazard. He took a drop, and his 6-iron into the green landed in the rocks and ricocheted into a bunker. He blasted out and two-putted for an 18.

After starting the hole 2 under par for the tournament, he walked off 11 over. Amazingly, Daly made par on the next hole, and he shot a 49 on the front side and a 36 on the back side for



Michael Jordan of the Bulls trying to score in the first half in Toronto.

Rangers Spin Their Wheels

The Associated Press

The battle for the National Hockey League's top record appears to be going right down to the wire. The battle for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference may not materalize. The New York Rangers had a chance

Ernie Els winning in sizzling style,

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to pick up some ground on the Ottawa Senators for a playoff berth with two games over the weekend, but lost both -by 4-3 to Detroit on Saturday and by 5-4 in overtime to Philadelphia on Sunday. Although the Senators lost 5-2, to Anaheim on Sunday, they still hold a

five-point lead over the Rangers for the final spot. Mighty Ducks 5. Senators 2 Teemu Selanne scored three goals and Mikhail

Shtalenkov blocked 51 shots to lead visiting Anaheim over Ottawa.

Stars 0, Ponguins 0 In a battle of tight-checking division leaders, Dallas, the host, and Pittsburgh played the sixth scoreless NHL tie this season, a record. Blackhawks 1, Bruins 0 Jeff Hackett stopped 26 shots for his second straight

shutout — and eighth of the season — as Chicago defeated visiting Boston. Islanders 3, Oilers 1 At Edmonton, Trevor Linden scored twice in the late stages of the third period, and the Islanders ended a six-game winless slump with a victory over the Oilers.

Coyotes 3, Sharks 1 Rick Tocchet and Cliff Ronning each had a goal as the Coyotes beat the visiting Sharks. Flames 5, Blues 3 Jarome Iginia scored

his first goal in over two months and added an assist to lead host Calgary. and 14 assists at Madison Square

Jordan Makes His Point(s) As Bulls Beat the Raptors

The Associated Press

Only Michael Jordan can say whether he will stay with the Chicago Bulls next season. There's no question, though, about what he means to them now.

Jordan shook loose and hit a short jump shot with 5.4 seconds left Sunday, giving the Bulls a 102-100 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Jordan finished with 33 points. The win improved Chicago to 51-17, the best record in the league.

"I might have shuffled my feet a little

bit, but I got a good look," Jordan said. "I

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never get tired of taking those shots." Scottie Pippen had 33 points and Dennis Rodman had 18 rebounds for Chicago. John Wallace had 26 points for the Raptors.

Earlier in the day, The New York Times reported that at least three of Jordan's teammates had said his future with the Bulls depended more on the team keeping Scottie Pippen than on bringing back Phil Jackson as coach.

Wizards 102, Nots 100 (OT) Washington's Chris Webber made a three-point play with 27.6 seconds left in overtime

at New Jersey. The Wizards moved one-half game ahead of the Nets for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Jazz 124, Knicks 119 (2 OT) Karl Malone had 30 points and 14 rebounds as Utah won its 50th game, tying Seattle for the best record in the Western Con-

Adam Keefe scored a season-high 25 points and John Stockton had 22 points

Garden. The Jazz won for the 13th time in 14 games.

Lakers 96, Kings 93 Shaquille O'Neal had 33 points and 13 rebounds and Kobe Bryant hit four foul shots in the last 34 seconds to lift Los Angeles as Sacramento lost its seventh in a row.

The visiting Lakers trailed by 14 points in the third quarter before rallying for their ninth win in 10 games. Pistons 105, Hawks 98 Grant Hill's 24 points and I I assists helped host Detroit

defeat Atlanta, Joe Dumars added 16 points, including nine in a fourth-quarter burst. Don Reid blocked four shots, two of them dunk attempts by Dikembe Mutombo. Heat 112, Trail Blazers 80 Mark

Strickland scored a career-high 23 points off the bench on 11-of-14 shooting as Miami won at home. Celtics 108, 76ers 90 Boston stopped its season-high six-game losing streak behind Dana Barros's 27 points, nine

assists and nine rebounds. Antoine Walker added 25 points and

10 rebounds for the host Celtics. Theo Ratliff scored 27 points and

Allen Iverson had 21 for Philadelphia. Magic 92, Warriors 83 Derek Strong, a reserve, had 18 points and 12 rebounds as Orlando sent visiting Golden State to its sixth straight loss.

Pacers 96, Bucks 94 (OT) Reggie Miller scored 32 points as Indiana handed host Milwaukee its ninth straight defeat, Rik Smits had 15 points and seven rebounds, including a late three-point play for the Pacers.

Spurs 93, Suns 83 Tim Duncan's 26 points and 21 rebounds, and David Robinson's 17 points and 16 rebounds, sent host San Antonio past Phoenix.

Bayern's Drought Is Ended by Fink

Bayern Munich restored its pride with a 3-0 victory at VfB Stuttgart in a one-sided German first division

The troubled champions, eager to end a streak of four league defeats followed by a goalless draw, had not scored for 566 minutes when the midfielder Thorsten Fink put them in front in the 21st minute on Sunday.

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Fink scored from close range to start building an impressive de-molition by Bayern of its south German foes.

ITALY Inter Milan rekindled its championship ambitions in impressive style, defeating AC Milan by 3-0 and moving to within a point of the leader, Juventus.

Two goals from Diego Simeone and a third from Ronaldo ensured that Inter took full advantage of Juventus's 2-2 draw at Parma on Sunday and Lazio's scoreless draw at home to Piacenza.

With eight matches remaining, Juventus has 54 points, one ahead of Inter and two ahead of Lazio. Udinese, 3-1 winners over Brescia, is fourth at 49.

SPAIN A late goal from Predrag Mijatovic kept alive Real Madrid's outside hopes of retaining the Spanish league title, giving it an unimpressive 2-1 victory over a struggling Compostela on Sunday.

Barcelona, the league leader, stayed seven points ahead of Real with a 4-0 victory over Athletic Bilbao.

Citing Economics and Latin Talent, Baseball Looks South

By Murray Chass New York Times Service

TEW YORK — Sandy Alomar Jr. hits a home run to win last summer's All-Star Game. Edgar Renteria drives in the winning run in the 11th inning of the seventh game of the World Series last October. Pedro Martinez is voted the National League's best pitcher for 1997, later becoming the highest-paid player in baseball history.

Baseball has long had its share of Latin players, even stars, but the recent dominance of an increasing number of Larin players has led the sport to redirect its search for future talent.

Teams are mining the fields of Latin America, from San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic to Maracaibo in Venezuela, in a hunt for teenage players that is driven by two facts: The talent in the United States is dwindling and the cost of signing American play-

ers is skyrocketing.

Players from outside the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada are not subject to the amateur draft and can typically be signed for a fraction of the cost of American players. Already, there are twice as many Latin American players in the major leagues as there were 20 years ago - 184, or 16 percent

of all major leaguers.

Thus baseball, not unlike other industries looking to foreign countries for a cheaper way of doing business, is embarked on an effort that could fundamentally alter both the economics and

the face of the game. For the first time, all 30 clubs have development personnel in the Dominican Republic - from a single scout to sophisticated training academies -- and roughly half have similar operations in Venezuela. Clubs have also engaged in blanket signings, writing checks for dozens of young players for as little as \$2,000 each. The Baltimore Orioles, in a move of strategy and symbolism, have shifted several scouts from New Eng-

range of policy violations and concerns. Players as young as 14 are lying about their ages to sign contracts, sometimes with the complicity of the clubs. The often tiny bonuses given to young Latin players have produced cries of exploitation. Eager for their own cut, American agents have moved in to negotiate better deals for the players, and in the process have angered local Latin officials who believe they threaten a thriving, if imperfect, baseball economy. Cuba, too, is producing players for

the majors, although their route to professional American baseball is far different and dangerous. Four Cuban ball players and a coach are now in a detention center near Nassau, the Bahamas, after having defected by sea, and an international effort to release them is

"There are players there and we want to get the best players," said Randy Smith, the general manager of the Detroit Tigers, speaking of Latin America.
"Baseball is still the No. 1 sport in

those countries. Baseball is, unfortunately, not the No. 1 sport in the U.S." Pablo Peguero, general manager of the Dominican baseball academy owned by the Los Angeles Dodgers, said cost

savings were as appealing as the talent. "Everybody, as a matter of standard business practice, tries to make as small an investment as possible," Peguero said. "It's not just baseball. But I'll tell you, the best raw material anywhere in the world is here in the Dominican Re-

public. In the Dominican Republic, baseball is a part of life's fabric. Children play it with cardboard gloves in sugar cane fields. Those who make it to the big leagues are followed as heroes, and the riches they reap are dreamed of by thousands of

aspiring shortstops and pitchers. 'You can't go past any open space there without seeing kids playing, even if it's with a broomstick and a ball wrapped with tape," Sandy Johnson, an official with the Arizona Diamondbacks, said of the Dominican Republic

football or something else.
"I haven't seen a Dominican player

on a skateboard yet," said Doug Melvin, general manager of the Texas Rangers.

Thus baseball has set up shop in the Dominican Republic to find, purchase and develop these players. Venezuela and the Dominican Republic are filled with academies - baseball complexes with dormitories - although some are of much greater quality than others. For \$250,000 to \$500,000 annually, the teams with academies can develop youngsters into major leaguers, working on their skills, the English language and North American culture.

HE LOS ANGELES Dodgers operate the most successful Latin academy, a 70-acre (28-hectare) facility known as Campo Las Palmas in Guerra, just outside Santo Domingo. Roughly 100 players live at the complex, which has two full-size fields, two practice fields, batting cages, exercise machines, dormitories and a spacious dining room. Peguero said 13 percent of the youngsters who have come through the academy have reached the major leagues, including the Dodgers' Ramon Martinez and Raul Mondesi.

But organizations get by with much more bare-bones operations. At the St. Louis Cardinals' facility, the accommodations are spartan and players sleep on beds that rest on cinder blocks. Still, applicants, weighing the conditions igainst working in sugar cane fields or selling cookies on the street corner, flood the facilities.

"If there's no competition for a player, you don't have to pay him," said Chuck LaMar, general manager of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. "A kid in the U.S. has options. He can go to a twoyear college or a four-year college or he can sign. The more options a kid has the more money you have to pay him." Still, there are scores of Americans,

either undrafted or taken in the later

Pedro Osuna, a young shortstop at the Cardinals' camp, laid out the equation bluntly. "Here you get to eat every day," he said. "That's not always the case at home." For the clubs, the training facilities, in

addition to providing a financially practical way of developing hundreds of players a year, are vital because even many of the most gifted Dominican players suffer from a lack of proper nutrition and a shortage of fundamental

"You're taking these kids on as raw material," said Omar Minaya, a former Dominican scout who, as assistant general manager for the New York Mets, is now the highest-ranking Latin American executive in baseball.

"You have to invest money in teaching them how to run, the proper way to throw, plays to make."

The difficulty, then, in being able to accurately predict a Dominican player's long-term potential places an added premium on signing lots of players at low prices. Mel Rojas, a \$4.5 million-ayear relief pitcher for the Mets, had only a 78-mile-an-hour fastball when he signed as a youth. "He never would have been signed in the U.S. throwing 78," Minaya said.

THE BEST of the Latin prospects. even those signed at 16, can be sent to play in low-level minor leagues in the United States soon after they are under contract. Others can remain in their countries playing in summer leagues for years before they are promoted or let go.

The move to sign scores of young Latin players has raised questions about whether they risk greater incidence of injury. Major League Baseball is concerned enough, said Bill Murray, the sport's director of operations, that it has begun a long-term study of patterns in how Latin players have fared in recent

And thus it remains to be seen how

with linguistic skills and survival skills as well as personal development. The industry has to adopt a pro-

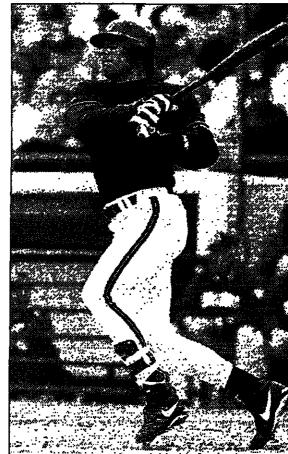
gram For now, though, baseball will continue to grab as much talent as it can in Latin America. Tampa's Chuck LaMar said, "You're going to see more and more money spent by major league organizations in the scouting and developing of

those players. Money is at the root of the pursuit of foreign talent - a drive that has taken scouts to Asia and Australia but that is most intensely focused on Latin America. Some clubs, such as the Dodgers and the Toronto Blue Jays, have been a presence in Latin countries for years, but others began heading there after deciding they were spending too much money for too little return.

The average cost of signing a first-round

draft choice - American, Canadian or Puerto Rican players tend to be represented by agents — has increased sevenfold since 1989. The player who cost \$170,000 to sign in 1989 now costs \$1.3 million. Under the draft, instituted in 1966, teams cannot sign players until they graduate from high school, when they are 17 or 18 years old.

The American investments can wind up busts. For example, the top three picks in the 1991 draft of amateur players cost the New York Yankees (Brien Taylor), the Atlanta Braves (Mike Kelly)



Slugger Jose Canseco, a native of Havana, batting. in a run for the Blue Jays in an exhibition game. Re

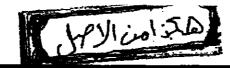
"People realize that for the same, amount of money they're signing a first-round pick here, they could sign virtually 100 players or 50 players and bring them to their complexes in the Dominican and develop them inexpensively," said Fernando Cuza, an agent whose Chicago firm hired him to rep-

resent professional Latin players. The dividends of such wholesale signings can be striking. A year ago the-Baltimore Orioles had seven young Dominican players on their 40-man roster at a total cost of \$7,000 to sign.

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'Cats Win a Wild One

Tenacious Kentucky Overtakes Duke, 86-84

By Thomas George New York Times Servic

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida - At halftime, no one could beat Kentucky in is mad dash to simply get off the

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final piercing dagger.

After guard Cameron Mills made a 3-pointer with 2 minutes 15 seconds left to give Kentucky its first lead, 80-79, forward Roshown McLeod hit two free

throws to put Duke back on top.
Kentucky's Jeff Sheppard hit a free
throw — it was an 81-81 game now and there were 39.4 seconds left when Kentucky's Scott Padgett launched another 3-pointer.

"We set the pick out high, and their guys seemed to sag in on Wayne Turn-

er's penetration," Padgett said. "I decided that since most of the defense was inside, the shot to take was outside. I feel confident in

And he scored. That was the shot that dumped Duke (32-4) in a game in which it never trailed until the final two minutes. Duke's lead was in double digits - 71-60 with 8:41 remaining.

my 3-point shooting.'

Kentucky just kept chipping away.
"That is a team that kept their poise," Duke freshman forward Shane Battier said. "Very seldom do you find that type of nerves."

They got a lot of points from the free-throw line and a lot of second shots," Battier added. "Those were things we wanted to prevent. And then, we had a couple of shots, late, that usually go in for us that didn't. In this tournament, no lead is big enough."

Kentucky won in rebounding (45-39) and limited Duke to 33.3 percent floor shooting in the second half, much worse than the Blue Devils' 54.8 percent in the first half.

"We wanted them to be one-and-done on offense," Duke guard Trajan Lang-don said. "But they came back from 18 points down by getting second chances



Kentucky Wildcats players celebrating after beating Duke. The victory advanced Kentucky into a Final Four semifinal game against Stanford.

and by showing no fear. I kept looking in our guys because they've been amazing their eyes during our big runs to see if they were scared. They weren't scared.

Most teams fold, down 18 points. Our offense did not help our defense during their comeback because of rushed. quick shots we made. That helped up their spirits a bit in the comeback. You saw what happened. That is a team that doesn't believe it can lose."

Kentucky looked to be in trouble in the first half. It kept missing and Duke kept hitting. Duke's extended defense kept Kentucky's 3-point shooting in check and its low-post offense left the 6foot-10-inch center Nazr Mohammed

But in the second half, with Turner, the dazzlingly quick Kentucky point guard, penetrating and dishing and keeping it sometimes for himself, with Kentucky defense on its toes, Duke's lead wilted.

"Those guys had a stretch there, too, where they just didn't miss," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "They had a shooting spree where four guys got hot for them. Our kids played their hearts out for 40 minutes. I feel badly for

all year. I love my team. I love them even more after today. This is a loss that

"But Kentucky has great kids," Krzyzewski added. "They have amazing camaraderie. Not one kid made any big plays, it was the whole team. We knew they would come back. They wouldn't have won it if they weren't together like they were."

The game was as close as they get. Each team featured five players who scored in double figures.

Each team made 29 field goals. Kentucky made nine 3-pointers, while Duke made 10. Kentucky earned 16 offensive rebounds, Duke 17. Kentucky had 14 assists; so did Duke.

For Kentucky, this will be the third consecutive Final Four appearance. The team is now on an 11-game winning streak and has won 15 of its last 16 tournament games.

For Krzyzewski, it was his first loss in a regional final. He entered this one at 7-0, intent on reaching his eighth Final Four. Instead, Smith, the Kentucky coach, earned his first.

Stanford's 2-Minute Rush Bumps Out Rhode Island

By Timothy W. Smith

ST. LOUIS - Thank goodness for videotape. Otherwise, Stanford might never know how it pulled off a stunning 79-77 victory over Rhode Island in the final of the Midwest Regional of the National Collegiate Athletic Associ-

ation tournament at the Kiel Center.
That video might also help the game officials determine if some of the fouls they did and did not call in the last two minutes of the game were correct. And it might help clear up the faulty memory of the Stanford guard Arthur Lee, because he does not remember making the choke sign twice when the Rams guard Tyson Wheeler missed three free throws that would have tied the score with five

seconds to play.

Trailing by 71-65 with 59.3 seconds to play Sunday, third-seeded Stanford (30-4) went from heartbreak to elation.

The Cardinal will go to its first Final Four since the team won the national championship in 1942, facing Kentucky, the South Regional champion, on Saturday in San Antonio.

"Wow! The Final Four," Coach Mike Montgomery of Stanford said. "I can't tell you what happened at the end. We made several plays in a row that allowed us to get within striking distance, to give us a chance to win. The next thing you

know, the whole thing swings." Over the course of the last two minutes, Rhode Island (25-9), the eighth-seeded team, collapsed.

"Arthur Lee made three outstanding plays down the stretch," the Rhode Island coach, Jim Harrick, said. "We had a chance to win the game, but we just didn't get it done. Our guys played their guts out. We controlled the game the whole second half, except the last two minutes."

The Cardinal was trailing by 66-60 with two minutes to play when Lee, who scored a game-high 26 points, took control, overshadowing a magnificent per-formance by Wheeler (24 points and 5

assists). Over that span, Lee scored 13 of the Cardinal's 19 points and had a crucial steal with 26 seconds to play. Harrick and his players, particularly the guard Cuttino Mobley, were upset with the officiating in the final minutes. "I thought we had control of the

game," Mobley said. "Toward the end there were some inconsistent calls by the refs. Just let us play. Either call it or don't call it. Don't have it be determined by what you call."

Mobley was angry over one call and one noncall in particular. The first came when Rhode Island forward Luther Clay was called for a foul against Lee on a driving layup with 33 seconds to play: the basket and Lee's successful free throw pulled Stanford within 74-73.

Mobley said Lee should have been called for a foul when he stripped Mobley of the ball on the ensuing inbounds play with 26 seconds to play. The ball popped loose and Mark Madsen recovered it for Stanford. The forward dunked it and was fouled by the Rams forward Antonio Reynolds-Dean. Madsen made the free throw for a 76-74 Stanford lead.

Lee said he did not think his action was a foul. "If I did it, it doesn't mean anything now, but I didn't," he said. "What are they going to do? Take the Final Four away from us?"

From that point on, Rhode Island unraveled. Nothing was more emblematic of that than Wheeler, who was fouled by Lee on a 3-point attempt with Rhode Island trailing by 77-74 with five seconds remaining, missing all three free throws. Lee clutched his throat with both hands and stuck out his tongue, making the choke sign.

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Venus Williams (71), U.S., def. Olga Baro-banschikava, Belarus, 6-2, 6-1; Nothatie Tauzial (12), France, def. Herrieta Nagyova,

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ena Williams, U.S., def. Barbora Paulus, Austria, 6-3, 6-2. Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, def. Tamai ine Tangsugarn, Thailand, 6-9, 6-2.

TRANSITIONS

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL POOTBALL LEAGUE DALLAS—Re-signed CB Wendell Davis to 1 rear contract.
MIKMESOTA—Agreed to terms with OB Randall Cunningham on 2-year contract.
M.Y. JETS—Signed RB Curits Mortin to an

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SAN FRANCISCO—Signed K John Becks
voort, T Dave Flore and LB James Williams

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE Quebec, IHL Assigned RW Peter LeBouria-lier to Cincinnoti, AHL COLORADO—Recolled LW Brod Lorsen from Hershey, AHL,

DETROIT—Activated G Kevin Hodson from Injured reserve. Sent G Ryan Bach to Hauston, IHL. Signed G Aren Miller to 3-year con-MONTREAL-Recoiled C Eric House and

MONTREAL—Recolled C Eric Moude and LW Terry Ryan from Fredericton. AHL. MEW JERSEY—Recolled G Rich Shulmistra from Albany, AHL. COLLEGE LSU—Suspended RHP Bryan Grace Indelinitely for violating team principles. MICHEAR—Named Brian Ellerte men's heaterful couch

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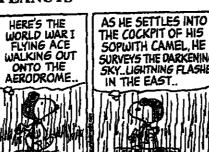


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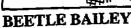


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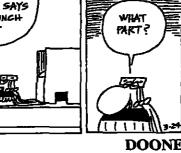








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WASHINGTON — Here everyone is asking concern-ing the Starr-White House A: It works like the

QUESTION: Why doesn't the scandal have a name, such as "Watergate"?

ANSWER: The country lucked out when the original crime was a break-in of the Watergate apartment and office complex. This name fitted most headlines and was easy to remember.

Buchwald Since most of

the stuff being bandied about allegedly took place at the White House, it is too confusing to separate the good stuff that went on from the bad stuff. So the nearest we have to a name is the "Lewinsky-White House Intern

Paris Ballet To Visit China

Agence France-Presse DARIS — The Paris Opera Ballet will embark on its first full-company tour of China in April with three days of performances in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Brigitte Lefevre, Paris Opera dance director, said the 75 dancers would perform a mixture of ballets from classical Western dance. The highlight of the April 11-13 program will be "Giselle," created for the company in 1841.

The tour was organized after a request by Chinese authorities during President Jacques Chirac's visit to A: Just say, "I'm getting Beijing last year. The ballet sick and tired of reading all Jacques Chirac's visit to visited Shanghai in 1988, but this junk. Did anything hapit was not as a full company.

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> A: It works like the draft system in sports. The talk show with the lowest rating has the first choice. Once the first draft choices are made, the talk shows will start trading. Let's say Barbara Walters wants Paula Jones. She'll offer Diane Sawyer Linda Tripp and throw in William Ginsburg as a bonus. "60 Minutes," having wrung Kathleen Willey dry, will offer her to "Dateline" for Gennifer Flowers and a lefthanded second baseman.

> Q: Why does the president keep going up in the polls every time he's accused of questionable conduct?

> A: It has nothing to do with misconduct. It has to do with the price of gasoline. The price for petroleum hasn't been this low for 24 years. The American people are still far more interested in filling their tanks than in what happened in the Oval Office and whom the president bought gifts for when he was on vacation. O: Will there ever be an

> end to "Lewinsky-Gate"? A: Not in our time, and not in our children's time. Starr, as prosecutor, has vowed to subpoena every American who has any knowledge of the case or knows someone who did, or anyone who ever spoke to President Clinton in the Oval Office during the or-deal, including Boris Yeltsin. Q: How much will the in-

vestigation cost? A: No more than one nuclear aircraft carrier. Q: I'm going to a cocktail party tonight. What do I say about all this?

pen today that I missed?

'Primary Colors': The Audience Exit Poll

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - Mike Nichols, the director of "Primary Colors," and the studio executives involved in the film have insisted all along that their movie about a Southern governor's political ascendancy is not really about Bill Clinton. Right

Just ask moviegoers who saw the film, which stars John Travolta and opened over the weekend at a respectable No. 2 at the box office (an estimated \$12.4 million) after, of course, "Titanic."

"Travolta had every gesture down pat, every one," said Pam Rodgers, a 40-year-old corporate controller in Little Rock, Arkansas. "It brought the house down."

Moments later, Laura Burns, an executive assistant, left the theater and said: "You forget you're watching John Travolta. He had Clinton down so well. The hands, the mouth, the gestures. We were laughing so much, an elderly lady in front of us got up and moved." There was more intense interest in

"Primary Colors" in Little Rock than other cities, but moviegoers in places like Denver. Boston, Atlanta, New York and Los Angeles seemed to be drawing a very blurred line between the screen characters and their White House counterparts, which is both a blessing and a curse for the \$65 million screen ad-

doughnut-eating Southern politician.

The blessing for Nichols and Universal, which made the film, is that "Primary Colors" has stirred enormous magazine and newspaper attention, especially in the two months since the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke. The curse is that moviegoers may be too saturated with real-life events to see a film based on them. For example, studio tracking of interest in the movie found a highly unusual dip early last week after the interview on CBS's "60 Minutes" with Kathleen E. Willey, a former White House worker who claimed Clinton made an unwelcome sexual advance.

As one top distribution executive at a rival studio said: "Normally the last week is when you're cooking with audience interest. And in this case you had the stars working the film on television, tremendous publicity and a lot spent on advertising. You can only assume that Kathleen Willey pushed things to the saturation point."

Although Universal executives had privately hoped that "Primary Colors" would reach the \$15 million range, Nikki Rocco, president of distribution at Universal Pictures, said the studio was delighted with the outcome. "It's great that we're No. 2 and taking home the silver," she said. "Our exit polls show that people love the film." As expected, ing to buy a ticket, said: "I expect it to be a spoof of what's most strongly with the audience.



"Primary" candidate Travolta with idealistic campaign aide Adrian Lester.

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The blessing for Nichols and Universal, which made the adult comedy-drama, James L. Brooks's "As Good As It Gets." That hit film, which opened over Christmas, has taken in \$126 million.

Filmmakers are trying to make movies about the reality of people's lives, Nichols said, and "are heartened when a movie like that is a success. That's very good news. And it looks like we're following somewhere in its footsteps."

Nichols said that "Primary Colors" was obviously patterned after real events. "I would be disingenuous to say it isn't," he said. "But it's fiction. It's fiction connected to real

Reaction around the United States made it evident that, although some moviegoers showed up mainly to see Travolta, the bulk of those attending were at least somewhat interested in seeing the fictional versions of Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton, as played by Travolta and Emma Thompson.

"I wanted to see the link between the real-life version and the movie version," said Leon Janney, 56, who works in public relations, as he bought a ticket on Friday in Manhattan. In Denver, Tom Tiede, a 33-year-old investor, waithappening in real life. It seems like it's very apropos with what's going on in Washington these days.

But some moviegoers echoed Nichols's views about the film.

Outside a theater in downtown Denver, Chris Mootz, a 44-year-old lawyer, said he had found the film a serious exploration of politicians. "It was thought-provoking in that it's not a matter of judging there," he said, "but in why we are electing the people we do and how do we choose the people we are electing. We want our politicians to be saints, but they are flawed human beings." His wife, Claire Mootz, said, "We didn't go to see it to get the latest dirt on Bill and Hillary. We can read that in the newspaper."

There seemed to be a consensus among moviegoers questioned by The New York Times that Thompson did not seem to echo Mrs. Clinton, but that Travolta was definitely the president.

'Most of my friends didn't want to see the film, 'said Shani Evans, a 23-year-old writer and dancer who lives in East Harlem. 'They associated it with politics and not a movie. People don't seem to know what's real and what's fake. There was a suicide in the film, and I could hear people saying, 'Vince Foster.' When John Travolta made this big, moving go-get-'em speech, a woman in the audience started clapping. It was a very responsive audience. Some events in the movie

seemed ripped from the headlines. Similarly, Ronnie Riceberg, a 49-year-old teacher in Boston, said that it was impossible to avoid the fact that the movie dealt, more or less, with Bill Clinton. "I thought it was sympathetic to Clinton," said Riceberg. "I expected it to condemn him, but it painted him as a person with foibles that

we all possess but don't go public with.' we an possess our don't go public with.

As to Thompson's portrayal of the candidate's wife, many viewers seemed to distinguish between fact and fiction.

"Emma was not Hillary at all: Hillary is softer," said Burns in Little Rock. "When I looked at Travolta, I was looking at

Buffy Shutt, the president of marketing at Universal, acknowledged that the campaign for "Primary Colors" was formidable. "The real challenge is to create and maintain a separate identity for the movie," she said. "We didn't want to politicize the movie. We didn't want to advertise it as a political treatise, which it's not. It's an entertaining movie

first and foremost." Shutt said that the reasons audiences see a film, or don't, is sometimes beyond the work of marketers. "You don't have any control over the unconscious," she said. "You set out to create this mosaic of impressions and you don't know which of the moments and ideas and thoughts will connect

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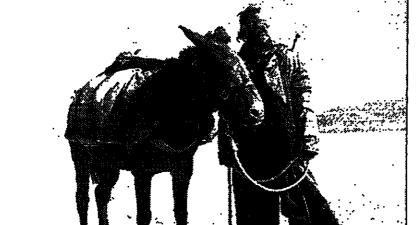
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Costner and co-star in "The Postman": A sweep in the Razzies.

THE film "The Postman," directed by and starring ■ Kevin Costner, was chosen the worst movie of the year in the 18th annual edition of the Golden Raspberry Foundation. The Razzies are handed out each year on the eve of the Oscar ceremony. Costner also took the Razzie for worst director and actor, and the movie was dis-honored for worst screenplay. The film's entire score got the worst song trophy. The foundation said it was the first movie ever to take every Razzie for which it was nominated. But it wasn't alone in its sweep. Also winning in every category in which it was nominated was "Double Team," starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and the neon-haired basketball star Dennis Rodman. Three of the "Double Team" awards went to Rodman himself: worst supporting actor, worst screen couple (with Van Damme) and worst new star. Worst actress dis-honors went to Demi Moore for her portrayal of a shaven-headed Navy SEAL in "G.I. Jane" and worst supporting actress was Alicia Silverstone for her Batgirl role in "Batman and Robin."

Alain Delon, heartthrob and screen tough guy for more than four decades, says he has decided to quit films. "I think I've said everything I wanted to say in cinema," Delon, 62, said in a television interview. "I don't feel like saying anything else. I think I'd better retire." He was interviewed about his latest film, "Une

chance sur deux" (One Chance in Two), which received poor reviews after previews. The film, a copsand-robbers comedy, co-stars Jean-Paul Belmondo. Delon is known to have been disappointed by public indifference to his last three films, all box-office flops.

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The English artist Ansuman Biswas spent 10 days inside a box in total silence and without food in the interest of science, The Guardian newspaper reported

Garcia Marquez Memoirs

Reuters MEXICO CITY — The Nobel prize winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez unveiled the first chapter of a forthcoming book of memoirs at the Mexico City Festival.

The Colombian author surprised a packed house at the Colegio Nacional building when he revealed he had been working on his memoirs "Vivir para contarlo" (Living to Tell the Tale) for more than 10 years, and plans to publish six volumes.

The first one is ready. It will be a challenge to see how far I get," the 71-year-old Garcia Marquez said with a smile.

measuring 2 meters by 2.7 meters, was intended to "redefine the Western science of particle physics using Eastern meditation techniques." He 0staged his 'performance' at a small art gailery in south London, sustained by 30 liters of water taken through a drinking straw. Biswas, on emerging, described the experience as "actually quite banal."

Monday. Biswas said his period in the black box,

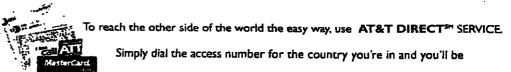
A federal jury in Springfield, Missouri, rejected the claims of two of Tony Orlando's former backup singers, who said the entertainer sexually harassed them.
"For the last two years, I think people are looking at me

like 'There goes that sexual harasser, that slimeball.''
Orlando said after the verdict. "It's a degrading kind of condition." Sonya and Aleta Buckelew, sisters who sang for Orlando at his Yellow Ribbon Theater in Branson, Missouri, complained about constant berating why listing, Clinton. and verbal abuse before they quit in 1994.

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